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HOPPING GLAD: Colourful characters helping Faversham celebrate its brewing heritage at the annual hop festival could become a thing of the past if council funding is withdrawn



BY **EMILY HALL**

COUNCILLORS have agreed to stop funding the Faversham Hop Festival, fuelling fears about the annual event's long-term future.

Cash-strapped Swale council will stop funding the popular September event by 2012, leaving businesses to find the funds.

But locals fear the move could spell the end for an event that attracts hundreds of visitors to the town.

Michael Hobson, who lives in Faversham and attends the hop festival every year, said: "I think the festival works well just as it is. Maybe it could run on a bit later in the evenings, but that's it.

"Everyone has such a great time and it's one of the few things each year that brings the whole town together. Cutting the funding would be a ridiculous move."

The decision comes in a raft of plans to overhaul the way the council delivers festivals and events.

The Swale Festival, last year attended by just three per cent of the borough's population, will be scrapped and financial support will also be withdrawn from the Sheppey Show because of the council's commitment to support the island's 2009 Fly Navy 100 event.

But the hop festival is by far the best known of Swale's events, bringing much-needed revenue to the borough and attracting visitors from across Europe.

Officers have promised £10,000 this year to help the committee look at ways to keep the venture running. Council leader, Cllr Andrew

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Major success in minor injury treatment unit

BY **NICK AMES**

MORE than twice as many patients are now using the Faversham minor injuries unit in the town's cottage hospital since more specialist staff were taken on.

The increased numbers also follow a publicity campaign by the NHS Eastern and Coastal Trust which revealed that 60 per cent of local people who had not previously used it did not even know it existed.

A new reception area, better signage and a leaflet drop across the town have already taken place and the new staff are able to stitch wounds, offer emergency contraception and other services not previously available to patients.

Animal bites and stings, along with muscular sprains and strains are also treatable by the new nurses, as well as minor burns and scalds, eye wounds, back, shoulder and chest injuries and allergic reactions. Splinters and other foreign bodies can also be extracted.

Prior to recent weeks, around seven people used to go to the hospital for such treatment each day and this is now upwards of 14, according to the latest figures.

Previously residents had opted to go for emergency treatment to the hospitals in Canterbury or Ashford.

NHS trust spokesman Neil Fisher said: "Often people's first thought is to go to accident and emergency when the minor injuries unit at Faversham Cottage Hospital is closer for the town's residents and will often be able to treat them much more quickly."

Later in the year a mobile X-ray unit is to be installed in the unit after 96 per cent of respondents to a survey on local health issues said this is what they wanted. It will mean staff at the hospital are able to apply plaster casts to broken arms or injuries to the lower leg.

The X-ray should be in place by September for an initial six month trial period.

Mr Fisher, who is senior locality lead for the trust, added: "We have listened to what the people of Faversham have told us and we are working hard to improve awareness and make more urgent care services available locally.

"The great thing the survey revealed was the high level of satisfaction from the people who had used the hospital. The staff were praised for the care and attention they offer and many people appreciate the hospital's central location."

The minor injuries unit is open from 9am until 5pm, seven days a week



ON THE UP: The hospital is seeing more than double the number of patients it used to

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Global recognition for town tourism leaflet

A LEAFLET extolling the virtues of Faversham has been nominated for an international award.

The 2009 Faversham Area Guide will compete with other similar works from across the world in the competition, which is being orgainsed by the USA-based International Association of Professional Brochure Distributors.

It has been distributed in the town and in France and Belgium.

Judging for the winners will take place later this summer

Open houses to close

THE last day of the town's Open House season is on Saturday.

The event, which is one of the oldest of its kind in the UK, enables people to view the interiors of some of the most historic buildings in the town.

It has been very successful during the previous two Saturdays.

A handbook is available from the Fleur de Lis Centre in Preston Street at a cost of £7.50, which also covers all entrance fees, visitors must take the book to gain entry to buildings.

Book into history trail

RELICS from the Middle Ages on show in Faversham Church are mentioned in a new book on the Pre-Raphaelites and their impact on art and culture across the county.

The book is entitled The Pre-Raphaelite Trail in Kent and is the work of historian Peter Wise.

In it he gives details of the artwork which adorns parts of St Mary of Charity Church.

The work is published by SB Publications and costs £9.99.

Festival bites cherries

THE UK's largest Cherry Festival took place at the weekend at Brogdale Farm, home of the National Fruit Collection.

It featured 50 different varieties for visitors to taste and buy while another 300 were on display.

The weeknd also featured tours of the collection and cooking demonstrations as well as demonstrations of gardening techniques.



Virtual school to help children keep learning

Online community opens up homework

BY **EMILY HALL**

PARENTS will be able to check up on their child's attendance and behaviour under radical plans to create a Facebook-style community.

The Abbey School in Faversham has just started using Frog – an online networking programme that allows youngsters to chat and work from home using the internet.

The school is just one of a handful in Kent trialling the technology, which could eventually even make it possible to do homework from a mobile phone.

Teachers and pupils can now access school information, like homework diaries, e-mails, timetables and books, after the school bell sounds. Around 67 per cent of schools nationally have the technology, but Kent is lagging behind, with only a few secondary schools taking part.

And one of the most unusual parts of the plan is that by October parents will be able to snoop on their kids, as they will be given access to their attendance registers, behavioural record and even be able to find out what lesson they are in at any given time. The school will also implement a parents' forum to allow parents to post ideas and vote on the ones most important to them.



IMPROVED ACCESS: Frog means the learning need not stop when your child comes home from school for the day

Deputy headteacher Kevin Dickens said: "Frog is changing the way we work and creating fresh opportunities to engage students in the learning process.

"The forums have really helped our students and teachers to network with each other, for example they can post ideas about how to make the school more eco-friendly and then vote for the best idea to implement. This technology is encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning both inside and beyond the school classroom."

Eventually all of the school's 950 pupils will also have access to school software off site and there are even plans to allow year six primary school pupils to chat to their older counterparts to find out about Abbey School life.

Frog MD, Gareth Davies, said: "The Abbey School is a shining example of a school which has implemented an effective online learning environment that engages the whole school community."

Opening is all you could ask for to bring in business

LAST week a new restaurant called ASK Italian opened its doors in Faversham in one of the town's most historic buildings.

It is housed in the Old Brewmaster's Building and has kept most of the original period features of this character building including an impressive grand fireplace, beamed ceilings and the original tiling in the hallways of this former Victorian house.

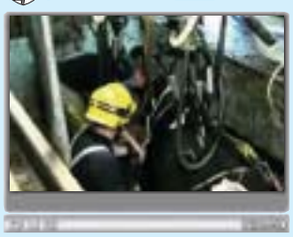
A larger entrance to the restaurant has been constructed with ornate gates leading to the garden.

The opening of the new restaurant has been warmly received by members of the business community, who said it will add to the range of places to eat on offer to locals as well as, they hope, bringing more people into the town.

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Fireman rescue a cow at a farm in Egerton. Search 'cow'

Caught on hop by festival cuts

FROM FRONT PAGE

Bowles (Con), said if the festival cuts didn't happen the council would have trouble delivering frontline services.

He said: "We're expecting a reduction in local government funding of between ten and 30 per cent and have to concentrate on duties which are statutory requirements.

"It's certainly a challenge. We'd like pots of money, but have to accept that councils never have much money.

"We're faced with keeping the hop festival or stopping things such as waste collection – and that is a legal requirement.

"We want to facilitate the right sort of backing, hopefully for the community to take the festival on.

"The festival is successful because it's a community event, run by the community for the community, and we want to build on that. The idea is it will be run by locals with professional help."

Festivalgoer Alisa Valentine said townspeople would be saddened by the news: "It's sad Swale council doesn't have enough money for community events. I guess it's a sign of the times."

This year's festival takes place on September 5 and 6. Visit www.swale.gov.uk/hopfestival for more information.

Walking brewers win charity event

A TEAM from the Faversham-based Shepherd Neame brewery was first to cross the finish line in the Six Peaks Challenge raising more than £15,000 for the charity Water Aid.

They completed the six climbs in 24 hours and 17 minutes, all within a 72-hour period.

The Shepherd Neame Extreme team is the first from a brewery to take part in the Six Peaks Challenge, in which teams have to climb the highest peaks of six areas of the British Isles.

The six walkers, Jonathan Neame, Graeme Craig, Olly Scott, Christian Hamilton, Darren Packman and Martin Godden, were supported by colleagues Giles Hilton and Stephen Bridgett driving the support vehicle.

Chief executive Jonathan Neame said: "It was a strenuous few days, both physically and mentally, but worth every minute."

Olly Scott, the most experienced walker and a veteran of many charity fitness challenges, said: "Our goal was to complete the six peaks and raise money for Water Aid but to win the whole event and raise more than £15,000 for charity is a huge achievement – we are all extremely proud."



END OF THE ROAD: The Shepherd Neame Extreme team crossing the finish line

The team had to climb the highest peaks in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Eire and the Isle of Man between 2pm last Friday and 2pm on Monday. In just 72 hours, they walked 50 miles, climbed 20,000 feet, drove 1,000 miles and made two sea crossings.

The event helps Water Aid give some of world's poorest people access to safe water. Just £15 provides one person in Africa or Asia with a lasting supply of safe, clean water, sanitation and hygiene education.



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House is perfect setting for Shakespeare's play

A HISTORIC house is to provide the jewel in the crown for a tour of the Merchant of Venice – because the house in question is named in honour of the play.

Belmont House in Throwley is named after Belmont, a place of beauty that is the backdrop to the Shakespeare production. The estate is playing host to the show on July 31 and August 1. Tickets are £10. For details call 01622 758611 or go to www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk.

Secrets of the past are revealed in pub garden

AN archaeological dig in the grounds of the Ship Inn will form the basis of a talk by the Faversham Society in September.

The work was carried out after a survey revealed the existence of a flint wall with a courtyard surface on one side and an indoor mortar floor surface on the other.

The team who carried out the work said they felt the structure was probably part of the former hospital called St Mary of Ospringe.

Putting the brakes on drivers who dump litter

PEOPLE are being encouraged to report littering motorists who chuck their rubbish out of car windows.

Swale council has joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy to clamp down on those who hurl wrappers, packets and cans out of their vehicles. The Highways Agency estimates that 700,000 bags of rubbish are collected from motorways and trunk roads every year – which costs the taxpayer millions to clean up.

Local strawberries a big hit with Tesco shoppers

A NEW variety of strawberry grown near Faversham is proving a popular part of a supermarket's plan to stock local produce.

Tesco has been selling the fruits called Sweet Eve, developed on four local farms.

Peter Vinson developed the variety and has worked with soft fruits all his life. He is widely regarded as one of the UK's best breeders of new varieties.

His nephew Sean Figgis then grew them on 200 of the 600 acres they farm.

Rewards on cards for loyal shoppers

BY **NICK AMES**

THE launch of the new Faversham Rewards loyalty card scheme, which took place at the weekend, saw an estimated 300 cards sold to members of the public.

Leaflets were also handed out to the town's shoppers explaining the scheme, which promotes local businesses.

Ima Rix, project co-ordinator with Faversham Enterprise Partnership, which is managing the scheme, says: "We received a wonderful response from the people of Faversham. All of those I spoke to were extremely supportive of Faversham Rewards.

"They felt that a scheme which supports the town centre and it's very special mix of shops was a good step for Faversham. Many shoppers were so impressed with the initiative, that they bought a card immediately."

Anyone wishing to support the town and save money by using Faversham's shops and services can buy a card – which costs £5 – from any of the participating outlets. This card can be used straight away and is valid at all the businesses taking part.

Businesses already taking part in the scheme are Barley Mow, Emerald Gowns and Crowns, Grow at Brogdale, Hercules Wine Warehouse, JC Lock and Safe, Lady Dane Veterinary Centre, Macknade Fine Foods, M&J Supplies, Optima Opticians, Presentimes, Spice Lounge, Standard Quay Fisheries, The Stationery Shoppe, Steven James, The Albion Taverna, The Sweet Scene and Tiddly Pomme at Brogdale.

Ima added: "We are very keen to hear from any other local businesses who are interested in joining the Scheme.

"They can contact the Faversham Enterprise Partnership on 01795 539339 for more details."



PARTICIPATING: Organisers and traders celebrate the launch of the Faversham Rewards loyalty card scheme



Firefighter back in chief's role

FIREFIGHTER Charlie Hendry has returned today as Chief Fire Officer of Kent Fire and Rescue Service after a year in the role as President of the Chief Fire Officers' Association

As well as leading this national organisation to tackle issues affecting the nation's fire and rescue services, this year Mr Hendry (pictured left), from Doddington, was also honoured by the Queen and awarded with a CBE for services to local Government.

He said: "I've thoroughly enjoyed the past year and have learned a great deal from my time at CFOA. One of the pleasures of the national role was finding out for myself just how well regarded Kent Fire and Rescue Service is nationally as a model of best practice.

"It's natural for a chief to be proud of his or her service, but it was great to have that pride endorsed so soundly. Our challenge now is not only to maintain this high level of performance, but also to make further improvements for the safety of the people of Kent and Medway."

Mr Hendry added: "I would also like to thank Bill Feeley, who has done a fine job as acting Chief Fire Officer over the last year and I wish Bill all the best as he takes up a position as the interim chief in Buckinghamshire for the next six months."

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Oyster festival's TV role to draw in more visitors

BY **JENNA PUDELEK**

WHITSTABLE played a starring role in the current series of perennially popular BBC2 show Coast last night.

The Bafta award-winning programme began the series at the Whitstable Oyster Festival, with an episode filmed last year.

Coast presenter Nicholas Crane told Yourswale ahead of filming the new series that towns previously visited by the programme had enjoyed a boost in tourism.

After sampling the festivities in the picturesque town, co-presenter Neil Oliver headed offshore to the Red Sands Sea Forts.

The Thames Estuary forts, which were built as air defences during the Second World War, can be accessed from Northfleet.

Civil engineer Guy Maunsell designed the offshore defences and although his ideas were seen as eccentric at the time, by 1942 four forts, which each housed around 120 men, had been built and were operational.

The armed forts were used by the Navy to deter and report on the Germans who were trying to lay mines in the busy shipping lanes using aircraft.

During the Sixties, Screaming Lord Sutch set up Radio Sutch in one of the towers.

The station was later sold to Reginald Calvert, who ran Radio City from the fort, until he was shot in a dispute over the station's ownership.

Presenter Mr Oliver said: "Making Coast has been a life-changing experience for me. I love Britain – it's beautiful, fascinating; a culturally, linguistically, historically-rich country.

"For the casual observer we tell enough about any given story that it's a complete story, in a nutshell. But it is enough information to inspire some people to go off and find out more on their own."

In Dover, presenter Alice Roberts re-lived the glamour days of the hovercraft crossing to France during the 1960s.

She learned how to fly a hovercraft and discovered how an experiment with kitchen scales and a hairdryer led to their invention.

The programme boasts 3.5 million viewers and tourism bosses will no doubt be hoping it will give a boost to the Kent coast, and particularly to the Whitstable Oyster Festival, which this year runs from July 18 to 25.

Mr Crane, who will be exploring the geology of the Isle of Wight and how the ice that cut the fjords of Norway also sculpted our landscape this series, told Yourswale: "Anecdotally, people in the towns we've visited have always been very pleased about the attention they have received following the programme, but Coast is not a holiday show.

"It's a factual but entertaining look at Britain's coastline. There are hundreds of hours of work that go into each programme, and a lot is packed in to an hour of Coast."

The new Coast series is shown on BBC2 at 8pm on Tuesdays.

• **Whitstable Oyster Festival 2009 programme – see pages 24 and 25.**



TV ROLE: Presenter Nicholas Crane says towns featured in Coast have enjoyed a boost in tourism

Morris dancers get festivities started

MORRIS men from around the world will help kick off the Whitstable Oyster Festival, with bells on.

Whitstable's Dead Horse Morris is hosting a day of festivities on Saturday, July 18 – the first day of the festival.

Local Morris dancers Oyster are bringing another troupe from the United States – the Massachusetts Juggler Meadow Morris Men.

The Bishop Gundulfs, Wolf's Head and Vixen, Gong Scourers and Crouch Vale Morris dancers will also be performing.

The dancing will begin at Whitstable Harbour at 10am. The Morris troupes will then hold a music session in the back of the Ship Centurion pub, followed by more dancing at St Alphege's Church at 2pm and in the library square at 3pm.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boyfriend jailed for attack

A THUG who attacked his pregnant girlfriend in a park has been jailed for 150 days.

Kieran Lewis, 19, of Godwin Road, Thanington, was on bail for a previous assault on 18-year-old Samantha Evenden when he kicked her in the gardens in Castle Street, Canterbury.

Nine days earlier he attacked Samantha at their flat in Godwin Road. Jody Tyman, prosecuting at Canterbury Magistates Court, said neighbours heard screaming.

An argument had flared and Lewis pinned Samantha to a sofa. She escaped and he pinned her to a bed, cutting her lip.

During the incident in Castle Street he tried to grab Samantha's keys before stamping on her leg. Samantha was nine weeks pregnant. In a statement she told the court she lived in fear of Lewis.

Lewis admitted both assaults and was sent to a young offenders institution.

Drunken sailor gets fine

SEADOG Nicholas Smith was unable to do his 150 hours community service for refusing to take a breath test because he never knows which port he will be in.

Smith, 53, of Sunbeam Avenue, Herne Bay, was instead hit with a £500 fine by Canterbury magistrates.

At a previous hearing he received a 44 month driving ban after he refused the test when stopped in Avenue Road, Herne Bay.

Smith skippers a small trawler operating out of Whitstable and goes where the fish take him, the court was told.

On top of the fine Smith had to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Rare butterflies thriving

A BUTTERFLY colony of the rare heath fritillary variety is doing very well in the Blean nature reserve.

The number of the protected species has grown in the reserve near Canterbury from just six in 2006 to 1,300 this year.

Marsh fritillary butterfly numbers are declining in almost every European country and the species is extinct in parts of Belgium.

The UK is one of the European strongholds for the species, but it has disappeared from most of eastern England and Scotland.

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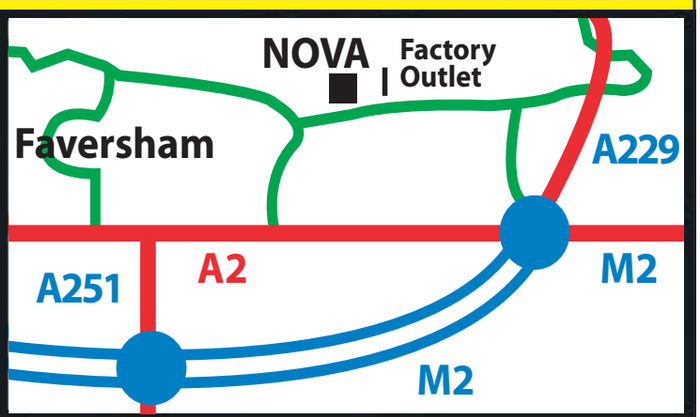
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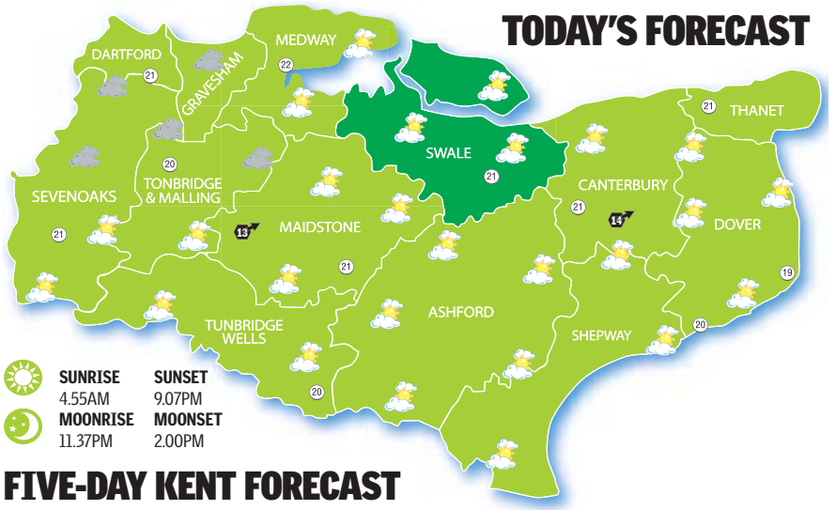
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4.55AM	9.07PM
MOONRISE	**MOONSET**
11.37PM	2.00PM

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	19°C
Canterbury	21°C	22°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
Chatham	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
Dartford	22°C	23°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
Dover	19°C	19°C	20°C	18°C	19°C
Faversham	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
Folkestone	19°C	19°C	20°C	18°C	19°C
Gillingham	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
Gravesend	22°C	23°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
Maidstone	22°C	22°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
Ramsgate	21°C	22°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
Rochester	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
Sevenoaks	20°C	20°C	20°C	18°C	18°C
Sittingbourne	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
Tonbridge	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	19°C
Tun Wells	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	19°C

WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	9:29am	5.1m
	Sunday	10:42am	5.2m
Dover	Saturday	7:43am	5.6m
	Sunday	9:00am	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	7:55am	6.2m
	Sunday	9:08am	6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:13am	4.2m
	Sunday	9:30am	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:17am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:30am	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:24am	4.6m
	Sunday	10:35am	4.7m

AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	20°C	Madrid	35°C
Athens	30°C	New York	26°C
Barcelona	27°C	Paris	25°C
Beijing	25°C	Rome	28°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	13°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	30°C	Vancouver	17°C
Hong Kong	32°C	Warsaw	22°C
Las Palmas	27°C	Wellington	8°C



REAR VIEW: The boat is pulled home behind the lifeboat

Stranded sailors pleased to be given a tow home

TWO sailors were pleased to get back on dry land after their boat's engine failed in deep water off the coast of Sheppey.

The Whitstable RNLI boat went to the men's rescue after a broken fuel line meant their engine cut out off Shellness on Tuesday.

The lifeboat's volunteer crew towed the vessel back to Love Beach, Leysdown.

Whitstable RNLI spokesman, Chris Davey, said: "The pair were very grateful to get back to the shore."

Tell police what you think

RESIDENTS can air their grievances to the police at a meeting on Tuesday, July 28.

The next PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting for residents of Halfway, on the Isle of Sheppey, is at Halfway Houses Primary School, Southdown Road, at 7pm.

Officers will listen to people's concerns and help identify what the police and Swale council will work on in the coming months.

To find out more visit www.kent.police.uk.



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QUESTION & ANSWER

GORDON HENDERSON



Q&A

Reporter **Emily Hall** spoke to the Conservative parliamentary candidate about his plans should he become elected, about the Westminster expenses scandal and how actor Michael Crawford has inspired him

Q Who are you and what do you do?

A My name is Gordon Henderson and I am the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sittingbourne and Sheppey.

Q With all the criticism being heaped on Members of Parliament at the moment, why on earth do you want to go to Westminster?

A The low esteem in which our national politicians are currently held is one of the reasons I want to be elected to Parliament.

Like everybody else. I am fed up with the way that some Members of Parliament, of all parties, have betrayed our trust.

I want to help restore the good reputation of Parliament and prove that many MPs do the job for the right reasons.

Some MPs have excused their abuse of the expenses system by claiming that they are not paid enough, but being an MP should be less about making money and more about public service.

Q How long have you lived in the area?

A I was born and raised in Medway and have lived in Kent all of my life. I moved to Sheppey almost 30 years ago and have lived in the same house ever since.

It's the house where actor Michael Crawford (Frank Spencer on Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em) grew up, and I use as my inspiration the phenomenal success he has achieved after coming from a similar humble background to my own.

I think it would be a wonderful privilege to represent in Parliament the community in which I have lived for so long.

Q So you won't live in London if you are elected?

A Absolutely not! I have made a pledge that if I am lucky enough to be elected I will not have a second home in London.

I will commute like hundreds of other people who live in Sittingbourne and Sheppey. Of course, there will no doubt be times when parliamentary business requires me to stay overnight, when that happens I will stay in a hotel like anybody else whose work forces them to stay away from home.

Why should taxpayers be expected to buy me a second home?

Q How do you see yourself?

A I like to think that I am the same as the vast majority of the people who live in my community.

I grew up on a council estate. I went to state schools and relied on the NHS to make me better when I was ill.

I left school at 16 and went to work in the stockroom at my local Woolworths store.

I have had a number of different jobs since then, both in the manufacturing and service industries. Too many MPs have never had experience in business.

I believe that having had a number of "real" jobs will help me better represent my community.

Q What work do you do now?

A Well, being a parliamentary candidate takes up a lot of time.

I spend most of my day visiting local companies and organisations, and getting around the various communities that make up Sittingbourne and Sheppey, to better understand the issues that concern businesses and residents.

I think that is important preparatory work if I am to be an effective MP.

Unfortunately, I don't get paid for being a candidate, so to keep the wolf from the door I do a bit of part-time management consultancy work.

Q Tell us something about yourself that we don't know.

A I have twice been made redundant, so I understand the sense of job insecurity that so many people feel in the current uncertain economic climate.

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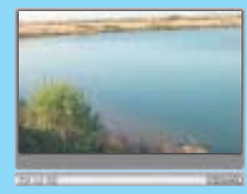
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Experts baffled by speed camera revenue drop-off

BY **EMILY HALL**

THE number of speeding drivers caught by cameras has dropped by nearly two-thirds in a year, latest figures show.

The surprise drop has baffled road safety experts, but has been put down to a combination of drivers getting used to the cameras and the popularity of sat nav systems.

However, critics say the figures mean nothing if they don't coincide with a reduction in the number of accidents, deaths and injuries.

New statistics show that last year 22,701 drivers were clocked exceeding the speed limit by Gatso cameras and roadside vans – 34,833 fewer than the year before.

"This is a huge drop," said Katherine Barrett of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership. "We think people are becoming more tolerant of cameras and more aware of where they are.

"We put signs up to warn motorists, have a ten per cent plus 2mph tolerance level and publish all the locations on the website, so there isn't really an excuse.

"Hopefully people are accepting that cameras are now a permanent safety feature on the roads and not there as revenue raisers."

Since the partnership was formed in 2002, 394,189 drivers have been snapped breaking speed limits at 75 fixed camera sites.

The fixed penalty notices handed out last year represent £1.3 million in revenue for the Government – a huge drop on the £3.4m made in 2007.

Speeding peaked in 2004 when 82,906 people were caught, making £5m. Every driver has to pay at least a £60 fine and gets three points on their licence.

Terry Hudson, area organiser for the Association of British Drivers, said: "This looks good on paper but have the rates of accidents, deaths and injuries gone down, too?

"Cameras have their uses in some places but I don't think they should be used to judge whether somebody is a good or bad driver. It's about speeding in the wrong places.

"Perhaps the reduction in tickets is due to the downturn in the economy and people using cars less. I think drivers are also more aware of the fines they will have to pay if they are caught."

Road safety campaigner Caroline Hobbs, whose eight-year-old daughter Jade and mother Margaret Kuwertz, 79, were killed while trying to cross the A249 at Detling, near Maidstone, in 2000, gave a cautious welcome the reduction.

"If these figures show cameras are reducing accidents, that's great," she said. "But if it just means a reduction in the number of drivers getting ticketed, then it makes no odds.

"Most people who drive on the A249 are used to the camera being there and slow down, and that could be the case at other sites. And lot of people have sat nav systems now, especially if they do a lot of driving, and they can warn motorists about cameras.

"I'd put this down to people knowing where the cameras are and having better technology to warn them, but even then it's a pretty amazing drop."

The partnership has also just released its latest crash figures, which show the number of people killed or seriously injured has reduced by 63 per cent since 2002.

"There's no getting around it, safety cameras are definitely having an impact on reducing casualties," Ms Barrett said.

Speeding tickets issued in last six years:
July-Dec 2002 – 26,549
2003 – 69,049
2004 – 82,906
2005 – 65,185
2006 – 70,265
2007 – 57,534



TO THE FORE: Dean Headley (left) and Peter Rodd with nurse Angela Padgham

CLUBBING TOGETHER

A ROUND of golf raised £2,000 for Pilgrims Hospices after 70 lawyers and staff from Kent firm Boys&Maughan played 27 holes at Princes Golf Club in Sandwich.

The fund-raiser was topped off by a dinner, charity raffle and auction – as well as an evening of anecdotes from former England pace bowler Dean Headley.

Pilgrims Hospices provide free palliative care, support for patients, families and their carers at three Kent sites – Thanet, Canterbury and Ashford.

Boys&Maughan partner Peter Rodd said: "Pilgrims Hospices have to raise £8 million each year, in order to keep delivering care to those who need it the most. We are delighted to do our bit in supporting such an excellent cause."

'No water shortage despite heatwave'

DESPITE the recent heatwave and predicted glorious summer, Kent is unlikely to see a hosepipe ban over coming months.

Environment Agency manager for Kent and East Sussex Andrew Pearce said the county had plenty of water in its reservoirs and ground water supply because of a wet winter – but we need to save.

He said: "In the South East we have the highest usage of water in the UK," he said. "If we can reduce it by 35 litres a day to 130 litres per person per day, then we can save £1.6 billion in not having to build reservoirs."

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IF YOU hadn't already noticed, summer is well and truly here.

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They also offer advice on the top picks of the season, making sure you take away the best our county has to offer each month.

Popular contenders at this time of year include blackberries, gooseberries and cherries. Also, the two favourites of all the summer fruits, raspberries and strawberries, are equally delicious and at their best now.

On the savoury side, there are plenty of vegetables to be snapped up. Old favourites such as broad beans and garden peas are coming into season now, as are courgettes and bunched beetroot. For the true taste of home you should also try new Kentish potatoes, fresh from the county's soil. For salad lovers, summer is a great time to stock up on the classics of celery, cucumber, French beans, lettuce, tomatoes and radishes.

And we all know that when the sun comes out, the barbeque is often soon to follow.

Luckily, this time of year provides a succulent array of kebabs, burgers and sausages at Foodforkent. And if you buy right now you can snap up a ten per cent discount on all its barbecue range.

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Of course, if there is simply just too much choice for you to make your mind up, you can always treat yourself and opt for a mixed meat or vegetable box.

If all that was not enough, our online site also has a dazzling display of biscuits and breads, eggs and cheeses, as well as fish, drinks and other kitchen essentials.

And if the summer sun is putting you in a generous mood, there are also gift hampers, or selections of chutneys, jams and marmalades which make an ideal gift for a taste of local produce.

With the summer in full swing, there has never been a better time to sign up for a taste of what Kent has to offer. For more information visit www.foodforkent.co.uk or call 01233 721929.





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Biddenden Ortega 2008, a still white wine, picked up two prestigious trophies and a gold medal.

The Biddenden Gribble Bridge Ortega Dry 2008, another still white wine, also won a gold medal, while the Biddenden Gribble Bridge Rosé 2008, was awarded a bronze medal.

MD Julian Barnes will travel to the House of Lords later this month to receive the awards. Biddenden Vineyards is located just outside the historic village of Biddenden in Gribble Bridge Lane. Its full range of products is also available online at www.biddendenvineyards.com

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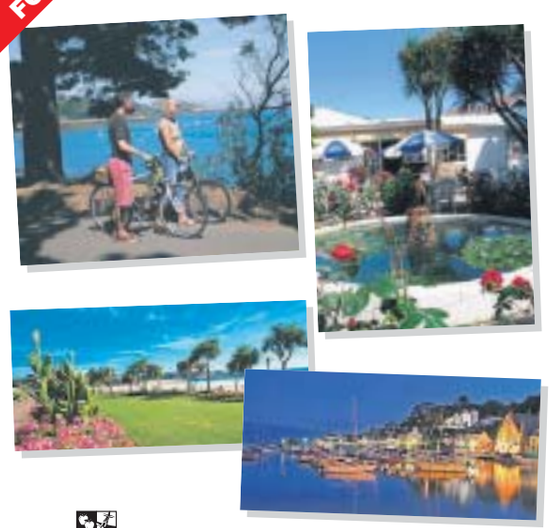
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BREAK TIME

Bright sparks show it's cool to be clever



HIGH-FLYERS: Gifted and talented youngsters who took part in the puzzle-solving day

GIFTED pupils from across Swale have taken part in a problem-solving day.

Children from Abbey, Minster College, Cheyne Middle, Queen Elizabeth's, Westlands and Sittingbourne Community College joined hosts Fulston Manor School.

The Happy Puzzle Company was invited to take part in a day which was intended to bring together high-flyers.

Activities began at 10am and consisted of two sessions of mixed school group work, with an opportunity to look at materials and activities available to schools and individuals at lunchtime.

Teamwork

Co-ordinator Heather Westby said: "Children were able to work with gifted pupils from other schools and backgrounds. They excelled in their interaction and teamwork. By the end they were swapping details and had made new friends.

"Pupils told us it was brilliant to work with other students who wouldn't ridicule them for being bright – for some able children this can be an issue.

"Teachers and pupils agreed the initiative was something they want to continue, including more schools and promoting the philosophy that it's cool to be clever."

Musical that's a cut above

BY **NICK AMES**



ON THE EDGE: Geoffrey Wibrew, left, took the lead role in SCC's impressive production of Sweeney Todd

STEPHEN Sondheim's difficult musical Sweeney Todd was the latest production put on by BTEC Performing Arts students at Sittingbourne Community College.

Students said the popularity of the recent film starring Johnny Depp did not minimise the problems of realising such a demanding and awkward score.

In the college's studio theatre, audiences witnessed the impressive feat of bringing what is little short of modern opera to life in an excellent production.

A college official said: "Framed within an ever-changing and neatly-structured two-tier set, the cast and chorus brought the bustle of old London vividly to life. At the top of a steep staircase stood the Demon Barber's infamous chair which snapped apart to dump victims through the floor into a cellar below"

"Lighting brought eerie shadows or vibrant beams of colour into play. The wardrobe was hired from the Royal National Theatre, making every character's costume a visual treat.

"At the centre of this sprawling tale of revenge, love and grisly death is the terrifying figure of Sweeney Todd himself. Capturing the intensity and anger of a man who is determined to avenge the supposed death of his innocent young bride, Geoffrey Wibrew gave a memorable performance. As his partner in crime, Liane Vinall's Mrs Lovett captivated the audience. She was an ideal foil for the overwhelming presence of the principle role. Tom Sharp was a delightfully loathsome Judge Turpin – villain of the piece and determined to have his way with Todd's daughter, the innocent Johanna.

"Chelsea Wright took on this part with sensitivity and her singing made for memorable moments. Comic roles were assumed with gusto by the cast.

"Pirelli, the vain Italian barber was given a splendid lease of life by Christian Grady. And Luke Ansley impressed as the innocent Toby, caught in the middle of the dastardly scheme to put people into pies."

PUPILS at the Abbey School have formed an environmental group – the eco-warriors – and are asking residents in Faversham to be environmentally aware and take pride in their streets.

The eco-warriors had a choice of four roads which they could adopt and campaign on. After a vote, Kingsnorth Road was chosen. The children will now carry out surveys and clean-ups and will encourage residents to be environmentally friendly. They will also promote the use of Swale council's twin bin scheme, with the help of council officers. Eco-warriors have already delivered questionnaires and newsletters to residents and have completed their first litter pick.

Cllr Cindy Davis, portfolio holder for the environment, said: "It's great that Abbey School pupils are willing to help make Swale cleaner as well as spreading the message of community responsibility."

Senior house mistress Helen Page said: "The pupils thought hard about which road they wanted to focus on. It gives them the chance to get involved with the community while helping th environment."

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If you won't embrace British culture, why are you here?

IS IT just me or are other people worried about the problems caused by membership of this wretched European Economic Community?

I recently accompanied my son to the Jobcentre as, despite having a degree, he is unable to find a job. As the clock ticked half an hour past our appointment time, I picked up some literature which was lying around on a nearby, cracked table.

In it, I noticed further copies of that leaflet, on how to claim benefits, available in 26 other languages and, if you did not speak one of those, translations were available whatever your language!

In other words, immigrants who are not even able to speak English have the Department of Work and Pensions bending over backwards to help them claim unemployment benefits you, I and other taxpayers fund?

"But there aren't that many non-English speaking unemployed anyway" you might say? You are probably right. Most of them seem to be employed in front-line "customer-service" positions by councils, banks and other institutions in an attempt to make it as difficult as possible for us to complain about anything.

I read the newspapers and note with interest the application of the Racial Equality Laws in this country. I smile when I hear about incidents which the police would usually do nothing about, suddenly being taken extremely seriously if one of the involved plays the race card.

Local immigrant associations claim their members are singled out for abuse. Why are they so surprised? Their members choose to live in groups, wear different clothes, follow different religions, eat different foods and many can't even speak English.

They set themselves up as apart from everyone else in this country, and then complain they are treated differently. Whose fault is that?

What finally prompted me to write this rant has been the proliferation of 'UK Border Patrol' programmes on TV.

On these shows, on the rare occasions when officials catch would-be illegal immigrants trying to get in or already in the country (and often working, taking the job my son so desperately needs!), they simply take their details and let them out on bail?

I would love to know how many known illegals have been caught, arrested, released and are currently at large again in the UK?

And if you think me a racist thug for my views and blame me and "others" like me for the recent successes of the BNP, you should know I am black – that is black, not "ethnically challenged" or of a "coloured persuasion" or any other of that politically correct rubbish!

I was born in India and emigrated to the UK many years ago. I consider myself British, as reflected in my speech, my integration with the my community, my willingness to obey English laws and, in all ways, to act British, not set myself apart!

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TALK TIME

SOPHIE GREENER



We talk to independent trader Sophie Greener, who runs boutique fashion store Armoire at 40 Palace Street Canterbury

Tell us a little about yourself.

I have lived all my life in Canterbury and in December 2007 I opened my ladies' boutique. The name Armoire is taken from the French style of wardrobe and with this in mind my boutique has taken on the feel of every girls dream bedroom, very cosy and very unique, selling unusual clothing.

Where did you first get the idea for your business?

When leaving school I was given the opportunity of being the manager of a ladies boutique called Entrada where I worked for ten years. While working there I learnt a great deal about the fashion industry and it took me to many places including Paris, Barcelona, Berlin and most importantly London for fashion shows. I learnt how to buy and what to look for when setting up a shop. So when Entrada decided to close I knew now was the right time to open my own boutique with this knowledge and the connections I had made.

How has the redevelopment of Palace Street transformed the area?

When setting up my boutique I knew I wanted to be in Palace Street surrounded by all the other small independent traders offering something a little different and individual. I love the feel of this area with its character and charm. The redevelopment I feel has put Palace Street back on the map. It is a very beautiful street with many historical buildings unusual shops and coffee shops and should not be forgotten.

YOUR LETTERS



Foraging Fergus is just after fame

How much publicity does one man need? I refer to Fergus Drennan who has now decided he will live entirely off what grows in nature… for a year.



This is the man who a couple of years ago shared with us the delights of eating road kill. Yes he happily showed us how to eat squirrels which had been squished by cars (and rabbits and probably foxes and seagulls).

However, now he says he's turned pretty much vegetarian.

Well, I can see why, there are probably only so many squirrel pancakes one man can eat… you would get tired of the rubber flavouring too I'd imagine.

No doubt Fergus' year living off the land will make the requisite book/radio show/TV series, and probably we may learn that certain leaves really do taste lovely.

However, I would ask all your readers to keep an eye out for him. If you spot Fergus in Tesco or McDonald's, challenge him – we all need to know.

Incidentally your front page picture fails to show that he now seems to sport an almost full beard and one of those trendy Patagonia woolly hats… probably as a disguise.

Gary Griffiths, by email.



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Remarkable life inspires youngsters

I found Martin Hopley's story quite remarkable, and I can imagine his talk was very inspiring for the pupils at Barton Court lucky enough to hear it.

His refreshing and honest take on life and death is a breath of fresh air, and brings to mind some of the excellent Channel 4 documentaries over the years, which have dealt in a quirky, yet poignant way with all sorts of extremely difficult subjects. I hope more schools take up his offer.

Gabrielle Wood-Davies, by email.

Be a good sport, add some danger

Regarding the correspondence about the merits or otherwise of tennis as opposed to other sports I would like to add my thoughts.

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I feel it should be categorised as a game rather than a sport.

Sports should have some sort of risk involved – whether it be physical contact such as is a part of football, rugby or hockey or the dangers of facing fast bowling as in cricket. Other activities which should be classified as sports are athletics, swimming and combats such as boxing, judo etc. I feel games should encompass things such as tennis, along with badminton and bowls.

Brian McBride, by email.

Nothing funny about stupid film advert

I wish to state my annoyance at a particular advertisement which seems to be all over the place at the moment. It's far a film and it's a picture of comic Sacha Baron Cohen in his character of Bruno.

The poster is on every bus that seems to go past my home as well as numerous other places and is deeply annoying. Am I the only person to find this man and his Borats and Brunos about as funny as swine flu?

Thelma Hughes, by email.

Moral compass is way off the mark

Surely if the phrase "political correctness gone mad" can ever be applied it is the decision of a police force to give compasses to Muslim prisoners the direction of Mecca so that they can pray correctly.

If there ever was a more useful tool for someone attempting to go on the run no-one has discovered it.

Why not give them a file, a change of clothes and false papers to go with it?

Ian Paynter, by email.

We should be happy to see the visitors

With summer comes the influx of young foreign visitors to our towns and cities – a thing not often praised by Kentish residents. But I feel it is good they come here and take an interest in our history – which usually involves us putting one over them if they are French or German.

So I am calling on people when they see a crocodile of slow moving children eating sweets and speaking in a foreign tongue. Don't complain – thank them for benefiting our economy.

Mark Davies, by email.

Roads to ferry port are bad for journeys

As a visitor to Kent using the ferries to get to the continent I noticed how inadequate the transport network is – and it started to drive me mad.

I didn't want to spend part of my trip queuing to get into the port behind loads of lorries clogging up the way through Dover. Surely if it is one of the busiest ports in the world it should be able to be reached by something better than a main road through a town? It does nothing to give a good impression of the "gateway to Europe".

Teresa Roberts, by email.

I enjoyed my juicy bite of local produce

I just thought I'd write to saty how pleased I was with the vegetables and other items I ordered from foodforkent.co.uk which I understand Yourswale supports.

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Joanna Truman, from Sittingbourne.

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Royal visitors to give seal of approval as county's farmers and producers prepare for the highlight of their year

KENT COUNTY SHOW
Friday, July 17 to Sunday, July 19
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ROYAL visitors will be taking part in the Kent County Show's 80th celebration.

On Friday, the Earl and Countess of Wessex are due to be attending the Kent County Agricultural Society's show to meet many of the county's farmers, growers and food producers.

They will also see the Young Farmers display, which will feature more than 400 young people showing their cattle, sheep, pigs and small pets during the three-day event.

The Royal couple have also been asked to present long service awards to agricultural workers.

The visit will provide an exciting start to the show, which has a vast array of attractions to interest all the family. After an absence of many years, the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery will be treating spectators to an outstanding display twice daily in the main Astor Ring. Marvel at the skill and discipline of the horses and their riders as they demonstrate how to manoeuvre guns, pick up pegs with a lance, handle swords and fire a revolver from a galloping horse.

On Friday, the Coakham Bloodhounds will be in action in the Astor and Falmouth Rings, while a display illustrating 80 years of agricultural machinery takes place in the Falmouth Ring every day.

Animal magic

On all three days, the police dog demonstration will shed light on the important work of canine officers. There will be more animal magic from the twice-daily bird of prey flying demonstrations by The Hawking Centre, as well as ferret and terrier racing in the Countryside Area and the Warrenby Gun Dogs.

Learn about farming with the educational live stage show about sheep and wool, while the Sheep, Dog and Duck Display will be entertaining for all the family.

Dogs are put through their paces in the flyball races and there will be more excitement with the Ken Fox Wall of Death.

Young riders tackle tough obstacles in the display by the Kent Youth Trials Club, and visitors can meet Titan the Robot, a humanoid entertainment robot.

A display in the Kent Pavilion, Remembering Kent: An 80-Year Journey, explores the collaborations between the showground and many of the county's organisations. The EcoVillage returns and there will also be an exhibition by the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

The show runs from 8am to 6pm each day. Tickets cost £17/£12 for adults, £7.50 for children and £43 for families.

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Saturday July 18 & Sunday July 19
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The Bard's tale of racism, financial collapse and hidden agendas receives an update in this production by the Hazlitt Arts Centre and The Changeling theatre company. The play highlights Shakespeare's talent for capturing age-old problems by giving his story a modern twist.

Former Hollyoaks actor Oliver Farnworth stars as Lorenzo, who loves the daughter of Jewish moneylender, Shylock. While one character accepts a loan from Shylock at a high risk, another tries to win the hand of an heiress.

Farnworth has previously starred as Lysander in the British Shakespeare Company's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream and appeared in ITV's The Royal. Tickets are priced from just £10, so this is recession-beating entertainment in a great outdoor setting. The performances start at 7.30pm. To book tickets call 01795 417426/417194.

KEITH KENDRICK AND SYLVIA NEEDHAM

Wednesday July 15
The Chimney Boy, Faversham



AN OLD friend and a new face will be performing at Faversham Folk Club tonight.

Keith Kendrick has played at the club many times in the past, while Sylvia Needham is visiting for the first time. Both are well-known on the folk scene, with a remarkable reputation and ever-increasing fan base that they have built up during six years performing together.

As passionate and independent artists, they have earned a strong following for their well-honed harmony structure. Between them they play all three versions of the concertina – English, Anglo and duet – and sing and play mostly traditional British songs and tunes. Despite their many years in folk music, they perform with a fresh and fun approach that makes them such superb live performers.

Doors open at 8pm and the concert starts at 8.30pm. Admission costs £7 for Faversham Folk Club members, £8 for non-members and is free for under-18s. For more information call 01795 423674.

Information about future events can be found online at www.favershamfolkclub.net.



CANTIANA ARTSFEST

Saturday July 18
Church of Saints Peter & Paul, Lynsted

LOCAL artists, musicians and singers will be performing at the third Cantiana Artsfest.

This afternoon of music and art runs from noon to 6pm in a peaceful country atmosphere. Guitarist and singer Rhiannon Rae will be the first to perform at 1pm, followed by a reprise of the Sittingbourne summer concert by local singing group Cantiana at 2pm. Enjoy the sound of live jazz and blues from trio Chrysalis from 3pm, before Cantiana provides the finale by revisiting their Springtime Sing-along, which requires audience participation.

Artists Sioux Peto and Colin Barnard are exhibiting their work, along with three members of the Roberts family from Doddington. Visitors will have the chance to take the artwork home, as all pieces are for sale. Lunches will be served and the refreshments on offer will include truly artistic cakes.

Admission costs £2.50 for adults and is free for under-16s. For more information about the event and Cantiana, visit the website at www.cantiana.org.uk.

SWALE LEISURE

Dave has Dirty Words for your entertainment

FOR an evening of live music in a cosy pub setting, head down to the Three Horseshoes in Hernhill this weekend.

Dave Migden and The Dirty Words will be providing the entertainment at the pub in Staplestreet on Saturday. The music starts at 8.30pm.

For more information about the venue call the pub on 01227 750842.

All the ingredients for perfect summer day

EXPORE a garden, hear the restored church bells and enjoy a class of Pimms in Newnham on Sunday.

The village is holding an open gardens and Pimms event from 1-6pm, allowing people to visit Frith Old Farmhouse. Activities include a lace-making demonstration, treasure hunt and visits to The Art Studio.

Entrance is by programme, £4 for adults, free for children. Proceeds will go to the Newnham Church Funds.

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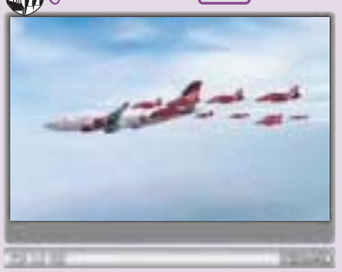
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Top DJs get Tunnel Vision as fort hosts house night



GOOD VIBES: Fort Horsted will be playing host to Kent-born DJ Jim Rivers (above left) in an epic day/nighter

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

THE Napoleonic Fort Horsted will be brought into the 21st century next month during a one-off night of house, techno and dubstep.

The historic monument, built in 1880, will host Smirnoff's Tunnel Vision night on Saturday, August 1.

Headliners include Maidstone-born DJ Jim Rivers and David E Sugar, who has recently toured with the likes of overnight sensations La Roux, Calvin Harris and Klaxons.

Jim, whose DJ-ing talents have taken him across the US, Australia and Europe, said he was looking forward to his home-coming gig.

He said: "Although I was born in Maidstone, I've been living in Bristol for the last few years and have been touring around the world, so it's good to come back to Kent and stake my claim again.

"I'm looking forward to the event – the venue looks really good. I can't say I've ever DJed in a Napoleonic fort before!

"I'll be playing a mixture – everything from deep house to techno and everything in between. I really want to get people going."

A Tunnel Vision spokesman said: "The fort will play host to one of the most unique events – a day/nighter of epic proportions.

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Joining Jim in The Tunnel room will be fellow house and techno DJs Dodek, Mode: Repeat, Lee Brinx, Alex K, Tom Jobson and Deano Loco.

The Other Room boasts the likes of Dycey, J-Varn, Small Fry, Jay Kenzo and Big Trouble.

Adam French and Anthony Froom will also provide sunset beats on the Sunshine Terrace.

A limited number of saver tickets are available at £12, with the standard entry set at £15. Tickets are available from www.clubtickets.com and by phoning 0870 2462050.

Tunnel Vision is operating a bus service from the River Bar in Maidstone. It will leave at 5pm and return at 3am.

Fort Horsted is in Primrose Close, Chatham. For details, visit www.residentadvisor.net/tunnelvision

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Gok Wan in the flesh at Bluewater tomorrow

FASHION expert Gok Wan returns to Bluewater tomorrow to film the catwalk finale for How to Look Good Naked.

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It's the Whitstable

BY **JENNY ARMSTRONG**

OYSTER eaters, music lovers and art aficionados are all gearing up for this week's Whitstable Oyster Festival.

Thousands are expected to attend what organisers are calling 'one of Kent's biggest festivals this year."

The occasion, an ancient celebration of Whitstable's most famous export, kicks off this week with traditional seaside activities, art exhibitions, music and plenty for the children too.

It takes place in Whitstable, the idyllic seaside town whose oysters have been a delicacy since Roman times.

The week gets going with the traditional Landing of the Oysters and Oyster Parade, traditions which date back to Norman times.

Then there is the low-tide mud tug, oyster eating competitions, crab catching and grotter day for the kids, and a packed programme from funk to photography, storytelling to samba, and bike rides to belly-dancing.

As well as the highlights you will find on the opposite page, there are also exhibitions and events which run throughout the festivities.

There is an exhibition of local artists' work at the Horsebridge Centre and photography at the Methodists' Church.

Whitstable Museum is running creepy crawly events for kids throughout the week, and there is an open studio trail for the more discerning connoisseur.

Discover the oyster lace-makers at Whitstable Improvement Trust, and try crafts for yourself at 2pm in the Horsebridge Centre throughout the week.

Go to the Tea Gardens, the beach, the harbour and Deco5 for music, or go for an invigorating and informative historic walk to learn more about local history.

The festival runs from Saturday, July 18 to Saturday, July 24 in and around the town and its beaches.

The full listings are at www.whitstable-oysterfestival.com.



Oyster festival history

WHITSTABLE has fished for oysters for a long time and celebrating a good oyster year is an ancient tradition.

Being practical folk, in Norman times Whitstable fishermen held their annual festival in the slack period for oysters when there was less oyster fishing to do – this was traditionally in the summer.

The Holy Day festival would consist of a church ceremony, and then feasting, dancing, games and contests.

It came to fall on July 25, the feast day of St James of Compostella, patron saint of oysters.

A great festival highlight is the Landing of the Oysters, where Whitstable Sea Scouts bring oysters ashore in a traditional yoke to be blessed by a clergyman before they are presented to the Lord Mayor.

In an ancient ceremony the oysters are then passed to inns and restaurants as part of the colourful Oyster Parade which passes through the town centre.

Grotter Building, making hollow mounds of sand or mud decorated with oyster shells, is another local tradition not to be missed.

These were originally built by children who would beg a penny for a grotter. These days they are kept until evening when they are lit by candles and provide an eerie spectacle on the beach.

There are also the fun and messy oyster eating competitions, where entrants have to eat six oysters and half a pint of local beer in the shortest time possible, and the low tide mud tug, a messy tug of war on the beach.

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- Live Music on South Quay; 12noon to 8pm, Harbour South Quay, Free
- Oyster Parade; 12.15pm, Long Beach, Free
- James Campbell – Comedy for Kids; 4.30pm, Whitstable Playhouse, £6.50

SUNDAY, JULY 19
- Sea Sunday in the Harbour: music, crafts and talks; 11am, Whitstable Harbour, Free
- Meet the Beastly Boys: talk by children's author; 11.30am, Horsebridge Centre, Free
- Crab and Winkle with Spokes: cycle ride; 1.30pm, Crab and Winkle seat opposite the RNLI, Free
- Mud Tug; 4pm, Long Beach, Free
- Coastal History – A Whitstable Walkabout with Kent Wildlife Trust; 4.30pm, outside Hotel Continental, Beach Walk, Free

MONDAY, JULY 20
- Hey Diddle Music: music for children; 10am and 11.45am, Horsebridge Centre, £2 per child
- Books, Bears and Biscuits featuring the Tell Woman: story-telling; 11.30am, Tower Hill Tea Gardens, Free
- Whitstable Walk: walk and history; 3pm, Keam's Yard, £2.50
- Kentish Pubs: a history; 7.30pm, Ship Centurian Pub, Free
- Invicta Jazz Orchestra; 7.30pm, St Alphege Church

TUESDAY, JULY 21
- Make a Kite, Fly a Kite: kite-building drop in; 10am to 3pm, Horsebridge Centre, £2
- Crusty Crabs: crab catching for children; 12.30pm, Horsebridge/Reeves Beach, Free
- Tony Blake's Archive Film Show; 7.30pm, Horsebridge Centre, £6/£4
- Oyster Singers; 7.30pm, Methodist Church, £5
- Circus Skills Workshop: for children; 10am and 12pm, Umbrella Centre, £8

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
- Kite Flying: competition; 11.30am, Tankerton Slopes, Free
- Whitstable Brewery Beer Festival; Noon to 11pm, East Quay, £5 after 7.30pm
- The Shipwright Shanty Crew and Friends Evening, Ship Centurion Pub, Free
- Poetry in Motion; 7pm, Tennis Courts at West Beach, £4
- Tishomingo Jazz Band; 8pm, Marine Hotel, Tankerton, £6

THURSDAY, JULY 23
- Victory Wood and the Battle of Trafalgar: walk through ancient woodland; 10am, Victory Wood Car Park, £4
- Adventures in Wonderland: children's stories and games; 10.30pm, Horsebridge Centre, £3
- Grotters Galore: traditional grotter making; 2pm to 6pm, Reeves Beach, Free
- Blessing of the Waters; 6.45pm, Sea Wall/Reeves Beach, Free
- Carmina Avium: light and classical music; 7.30pm, Methodist Church, £4

FRIDAY, JULY 24
- Sea Shore Safari; 10am to Noon, Keam's Yard Car Park, Free
- Topping Times and Jolly Japes; Noon to 5pm, Tower Hill Tea Gardens, Free
- Lost Souls: a Storytelling Ghost Walk with Scandalmongers; 8pm, outside the Horsebridge Centre, £3
- King David: blues; 8.30pm, Deco5 Wine Bar, £5
- Comedy Club at the Horsebridge – Edinburgh Preview; 7pm, Horsebridge Centre, £7/£5

SATURDAY JULY 25
- The Bureau of Silly Ideas: pie throwing; All day, Whitstable Harbour, Free
- Wonderful Woodlice; 10am to 12.3opm, Whitstable Museum, Free
- EPICentre: local food market; 10am to 5pm, Harbour, Free
- Oyster Eating Competition; 4pm, Whitstable Harbour stage, £3 to enter
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Robin blossoms when she steps in Pippa's clothes

■ BY **LISA WILLIAMS**

I'VE been talking to Robin Wright Penn for ten minutes and she's already slipped into an English accent three times.

We're in Edinburgh, where she is promoting her latest film The Private Lives Of Pippa Lee and on the first two occasions I assume she's putting it on for comic effect.

On the third, I can't help but point these moments of received pronunciation and she looks startled.

"I know," the 43-year-old says confessionally. "It's because when I'm around you people I feel just like I have to speak like this because I hate my accent. I feel very American around you guys."

She starts making a whining sound and adds: "That's what I sound like to myself when I'm around you."

Robin's father is English so she had a head-start with the accent and the California-based actress admits that – after putting on her costume – adopting another accent helps her get into character.

"Clothing is so important to me when finding a character. It changes your walk, the way you hold your arms, the way you sit: it's maybe the most important thing. Of course, if you have an accent, that's even better."

In her title role as Pippa Lee, a 50-year-old woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, Robin didn't have to feign an accent. But her clothes, she says, were instrumental in getting herself into the prim and proper role.

Given starched beige trousers and plain blouses, her on-screen wardrobe is eye-catching in its plainness.



ROBIN'S LIVES: Robin Wright Penn with husband Sean

"It was genius picking those very conservative, wardrobe pieces for me, and the curl in the hair aged me, too.

Although close to her character in age, the almost-50 actress says the clothes really helped her get into the part.

"I really felt her, every day, because I wear this," she says, pointing at her skinny jeans and tailored leather jacket. "Always have."

In the film, Pippa has an affair with her friend's son, played by Keanu Reeves, who rescues her from her troubled past and the suburban drudgery in which she ends up living.

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Pitched to movie audiences as an age-gap relationship film, in real life Keanu is actually a year older than Robin.

She admits that kissing him on set wasn't strange, because of the on-screen chemistry.

"He was so perfect for it. I feel like we were blessed to have him do it, because it didn't feel strange. The dynamic was already there. To me, that's chemical," she says, her voice inflecting upwards as if asking a question.

"When a director knows, when they walk in, that that person clicks, and we just had it," she continues.

"We needed Pippa to be seen and he's the first person that actually sees her for who she is. It's beautiful as it's like she's then set free, allowed to blossom."

THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PIPPA LEE
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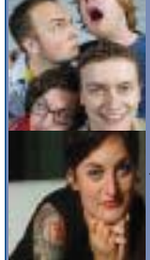
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YOUR TV REVIEW

BY **GARETH DORRIAN**

PSYCHOVILLE
BBC 2, 10pm, Friday

IN a week of bizarre news – which saw mourners wave a white-gloved goodbye to the king of pop and a man drowned in a vat of chocolate – Psychoville seems genteel in comparison.

The fourth instalment of this serial killer panto was most notable for one extraordinary thing.

It wasn't the usual queasy blend of Hammer horror schlock and dark humour that was unusual.

Anyone familiar with its creators – the men behind BBC2's equally disturbing League of Gentlemen – will be well used to that.

What was incredible was how technically perfect this episode seemed, done as it was in one long unflinching and brutally involving shot.

For the unaware, Psychoville tells the macabre tale of a freakish assortment of murderous characters all over the country who are being blackmailed by a shadowy raincoated and glove-wearing bloke.

Its cast includes a blind toy-obsessed loner, a porn movie panto dwarf, a one-handed clown and a nurse who thinks her baby doll is alive.

The previous three episodes paraded the oddball cast in a series of cringe-inducing, bloodthirsty and lurid scenarios – that were often brutal, slickly edited and occasionally hilarious.

A link between all of them has been hinted at and it appeared we were headed towards a formulaic ending, tying up the loose ends.

But on Thursday last week, the show took an unexpected detour into an apparently traditional BBC format – the television play.

For 30 minutes, Psychoville's two most disturbing stars – mum-and-son team David and Maureen Sowerbutts



FUN'S OVER: BBC2's Psychoville was created by the team behind the League of Gentleman

(Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith) – took centre stage.

David and Maureen are so decidedly creepy, they could easily be the two most disturbing television characters ever imagined.

Their incestuous exchanges are thrown into shocking focus by his encyclopaedic knowledge of mass murderers and her homely homicidal tendencies.

Psychoville is not an easily forgotten monsters ball.

Aside from the gruesome violence, there are some wicked one-liners. To describe it simply as black comedy is an understatement that ranks alongside "that Jacko could dance a bit".

The single-shot experiment worked a treat – and highlighted the flawless timing and talent of Pemberton and Shearsmith. Their interaction is simply frightening to recall.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
YOU exude animal magnetism, getting admiring glances wherever you go. Of course, amour could be the last thing on your mind right now. It seems as though creative pursuits are taking up most of your attention. You could discover a talent for one of the performing arts.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
TRUST your feelings this week, especially as far as men are concerned. A relative or colleague thinks that you're a threat. If he tries to bully you into going against your interests, put your foot down. If you're house hunting, go ahead and haggle for the best price available.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU'RE even more restless than usual and very tired of the same old routines. If you're dating you may be tempted ditch them and find someone sexier, but be careful you could let a perfectly good relationship slip through your fingers and end up regretting your skittishness.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
EARNING more money has become your top priority. You hate venturing out of your comfort zone, but it's becoming more and more apparent you need to do so in order to increase your earnings. If this means trying your hand in a different industry, so be it.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
GETTING in shape will not only make you look better, it will also lift your spirits. Pretty soon, you'll renew your interest in people and activities that used to give you pleasure. Don't worry what others will think of your new routine. When it comes to fitness, do it for yourself.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Gemini 09067-531754

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
A SURGE of creative energy prompts you to take time out to work alone on a pet project. You get more satisfaction from writing, painting, and music than you do from work or family. Naturally some may feel alienated by your behaviour, but that can't be helped.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
SPENDING more time with friends helps ease any tension that's been building. Recently, demands have kept you cut off from your nearest and dearest. This is a difficult situation for you. By scaling back your work schedule, you'll be back to your happy, spontaneous self in no time.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Leo 09067-531756

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
PEOPLE are looking to you for leadership, so don't be shy about asserting yourself. You need to be exacting with colleagues who have a tendency to slack off. Granted, your high expectations won't make you very popular, but it will yield impressive results.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23)
GIVING yourself over to a spiritual pursuit could be fulfilling. You're tired of always having to think in material terms. Reading will be illuminating and so will attending religious services. In the end, you don't have to commit to anything; just keep an open mind.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOUR pulling power is at an all-time high this week. Twisting someone around your little finger will be easy. It really isn't fair to play with their affections when you are so irresistible, but nobody can accuse you of being a saint and a little bit of what you fancy will do you good.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21)
IT'S time to even the score with a best friend, business partner or lover. Lately they have been riding roughshod over you. Stand up for yourself and they'll stop taking you for granted. If someone special has caught your eye you'll have to make the first move.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Sagittarius 09067-531760

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
TAKE an objective attitude toward work. If you're given responsibilities that are beneath your ability, do them anyway. Your employer is too short staffed to tolerate temper tantrums. Besides, if you put in a good performance now, you may be promoted when times get better.
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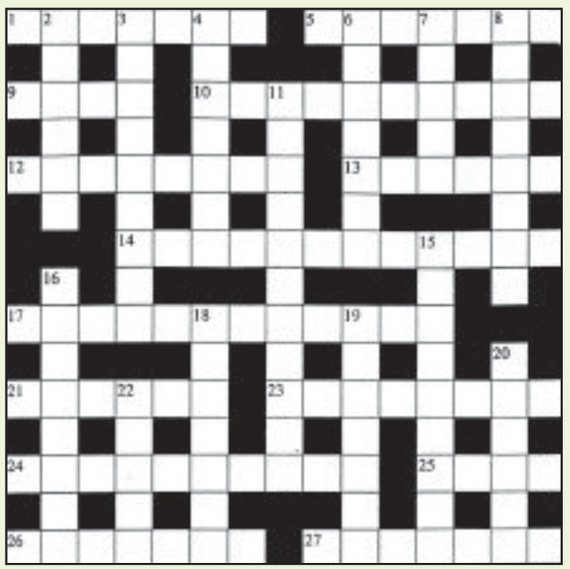
ACROSS

1 In passing twice near to the centre (2,3,2)
5 Spirited? Did another's work (7)
9 Initially one cannot have more than one vote with this (4)
10 Short jacket from bottom cabinet (10)
12 Geological period of French mountains (8)
13 Slow-moving, causing sensation of horror or fear (6)
14 Soldier in courtroom drama seen again in slow motion (6,6)
17 Something unspecified that in Paris repeatedly going round lake had been selected (7,5)
21 During afternoon one step taken on plain (6)
23 Hitch-hiker's request, a tonic? (4-2-2)
24 Belonging to the past school subject finished early I state (10)
25 Neat receptacle (4)
26 X perhaps hasn't been recognised (7)
27 Game little creature (7)

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2 My repeated coming up round the bend expressing pleasant anticipation of food (3-3)
3 Hold a dance and enjoy oneself greatly (4,1,4)
4 Look after young children but let bib stay out of place (4-3)
6 Vehicle rented by a richer eccentric (4,3)
7 Lassie gets trapped during assault (5)
8 New example with right pattern (8)
11 Naturally it cannot be seen being very small (11)
15 Drill put cinema out of action (9)
16 Continuance of the French allowance (8)
18 Loosen a French propeller (7)
19 Kissing cur also in trouble (7)
20 Cake and port (6)

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ACROSS

1 Jeer (7)
5 Risky undertaking (7)
9 Vocalise (4)
10 OT character renowned for longevity (10)
12 Total wreck (5-3)
13 Write music (6)
14 To the utmost degree (2,3,7)
17 Generous (5-7)
21 Clothes fastener (6)
23 Swinging weight (8)
24 Cervine animal (6,4)
25 Trademark (4)
26 Present (anag.) (7)
27 Flap (7)

DOWN

2 Birdcage (6)
3 Conservative (5-4)
4 Garden heap (7)
6 Vernal ___ (7)
7 Twitter (5)
8 Materiel (anag.) (8)
11 Caramel-coated fruit on a stick (6-5)
15 Goatfish (3,6)
16 Playful banter (8)
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19 Plant's climbing organ (7)
20 Manipulate (6)
22 Marine animal (5)

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BY **JEREMY GATES**

TAKING care to dodge the cyclists, I moved to the edge of the rutted chalk footpath to take in the view from Britain's next national park – and saw a panorama to compare with the Alps.

To the north, beyond the plain of the Weald, was the ridge my National Trust notes identified as the Hog's Back. "Blunt bow-headed, whale-backed downs" is how Rudyard Kipling described a similar scene.

Below me, the village of South Harting was nestled around its medieval church spire, the fields occasionally patterned by sunlight bursting between clouds.

Gloomsters agonise about the fate of the South Downs when it becomes Britain's 15th National Park in 2010. But in the sleepy rural lanes of West Sussex, southwards from Crawley through the Arun Valley to the coast, only a vivid imagination would worry about this special place getting too crowded.

The town of Arundel, for example, is such a historic gem that you would expect it to be swamped already.

Is the castle worth it for visitors paying £15 per head? Probably, because you get so many bangs for your bucks: walled gardens, augmented by the spectacular Earl Collector's Garden opened last summer; the keep and its ancient battlements, voice-overs re-enacting a Civil War siege; and then the house itself, largely rebuilt in the late-19th Century and family home for generations of the Howards, one England's great Catholic families.

Beyond the castle are the sort of attractions that would enable a family to holiday happily around Arundel this summer for a week.



LIVING HISTORY: Spectacular Arundel Castle offers visitors an array of activities for a fun-packed day out

At Swanborough Lake, where families go boating beneath cliffs covered in trees and bushes, the setting is so perfect that Sir Winston Churchill tried to paint it when he stayed at the castle.

Nearby, the 65-acre Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, part of the famous charity based at Slimbridge, offers challenges galore with an 'eco' theme: sunrise safaris; evening bat walks; silent, electric boat rides; summer pond-dipping and bug-hunting; collections of rare species of wildfowls; and play areas with two new giant bird feeders large enough for children to climb inside.

A couple of miles away was our base to explore this delightful corner of West Sussex: the remarkable Bailiffscourt Hotel, one of few country-house hotels with the sea at the bottom of the garden – the English Channel on the shingle of Climping Beach.

With mellow stone walls beneath a massive thatched roof, Bailiffscourt would appear to be a centuries-old Cotswold house. In fact, this splendid architectural fake was created by the Guinness family in the 1930s, and has become the sort of place where couples go for a quiet, luxurious stay to remember.

Forget all that waffle about Wi-Fi – our room had a huge four-poster bed, an open fireplace, already laid with paper and kindling, and a basket of logs to be tossed on the flames whenever we felt a tad chilly.

Next morning, before breakfast, the ultimate luxury: a choice between a visit to the health club with both indoor and outdoor pools, or an easy stroll down to the beach to share the rising dawn with the wave-skimming seagulls.

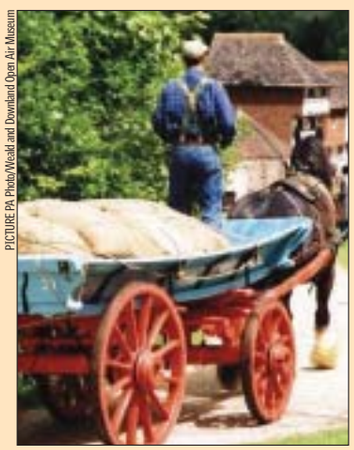
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Travel facts

Jeremy Gates was a guest of Bailiffscourt Hotel & Spa, Climping, West Sussex, with double rooms (B&B) from £210 per night. Reservations: 01903 723511 or log on to www.hshotels.co.uk.

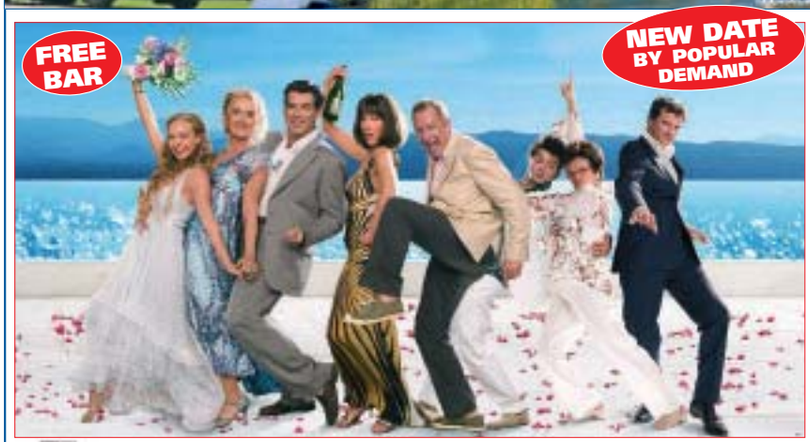
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Offset mortgages can work saving wonders

OFFSET mortgages can be attractive for borrowers with spare cash they want to hang on to but that is not earning much interest because of low interest rates.

This type of mortgage allows homeowners to use their savings to reduce loan costs while keeping access to their money – and to earn an interest rate of 4.6 per cent.

They work because those who use them as well as taking out a mortgage have a separate savings account with the bank that has lent the mortgage.

Instead of receiving interest, these linked accounts reduce the interest paid on the mortgage.

The account balance is subtracted from the mortgage debt, with loan interest only charged on the net difference.

According to First Direct, the average homeowner earns 4.6 per cent on savings linked to these mortgages.

However, offset loan rates can be higher than those on other mortgages.

Offsets make most sense for borrowers with significant savings, particularly higher-rate taxpayers who would otherwise lose 40 per cent of their interest in taxable accounts.

Company tackles site shunned by builders

REGENERATION specialist the Brownfield Land Assembly Company has bought the old Bede and Dunstan Homes in College Road, Deal, and plans to build 16 new affordable homes.

The five two-bedroom houses and 11 three-bedroom houses will be built to Level 3 of the Government's Code for Sustainable Homes and will be among the greenest in the area.

BLAC is funded by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency and has been established by Hyde Housing Association Limited, RJ Barwick Limited and South East England Development Agency to tackle the shortage of housing in the South East.

It is funded specifically to identify, acquire and make useable difficult development sites. The College Road site had not attracted commercial interest due to the presence of asbestos, demolition costs and flood-risk issues.

BLAC is now working with Dover District Council and the Environment Agency to prepare the half-acre site for construction. Subject to planning permission, it is hoped construction will begin towards the end of the year.



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Prepay charges that punish county's poor

ENERGY firms operating in the county may be in breach of EU rules by overcharging thousands of our poorest households.

BY **NICK AMES**

The warning comes from the National Housing Federation as energy regulator Ofgem has been accused of failing hard-up families.

It comes after it emerged that several energy firms were allowed to overcharge prepay meter customers by £464 million over a three-year period.

While they are allowed to charge higher prices to prepay customers to cover meter installation and maintenance costs, those charges need to be 'cost-reflective', otherwise suppliers risk being in breach of EU directives.

Between 2006-08, millions of prepay meter customers were charged well in excess of the average extra cost for installing and maintaining both gas and electricity prepay meters, estimated by Ofgem as being £87 over direct debit tariffs.

According to official figures, npower, British Gas, E.ON, SSE and Scottish Power all charged prepay customers more than the average cost of supplying meters – even though households with prepay meters only have an average income of £16,000.

Many prepay meter users in the region are classed as vulnerable customers such as single-parent families.

Even though they pay for their fuel up front, the big energy firms have frequently charged them more in recent years than any other customer group.

Ofgem is to finish consulting on the new regulations that it hopes will stop energy firms from charging prepay customers more for their gas and electricity than the figure justified by the extra cost to the supplier of providing a meter. The watchdog said the aim of the changes to the regulations was to "better reflect the EU directives and to address the detriment caused to consumers".

Simon Nunn, southern head for the National Housing Federation, said: "It is an absolute disgrace that those who are least able to afford it are being penalised because of the way they pay their bills.

"Unscrupulous energy firms have been overcharging vulnerable people for years and Ofgem now needs to act to defend the rights of ordinary people rather than protecting the profits of big business.

"Some companies, including npower, E.ON and Scottish Power, have already proved that energy firms can absorb the additional costs rather than passing them on to their poorest customers, and Ofgem must outlaw the practice of discriminating against prepay meter users once and for all."

Welcome home for the Forces



HOME TO ROOST: Celebrations at the first Armed Forces Day look set to continue as Ward Homes offers military personnel a financial incentive to get on the property ladder

THE county's military servicemen and women are being offered incentives to help them get their feet on the property ladder.

People employed by the Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, as well as anyone who served in the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq, all qualify for an Armed Forces Discount Scheme from Kent housebuilder Ward Homes.

The scheme is available at Eden Village in Sittingbourne, Priory Meadows on Sheppey, The Woodlands in Boughton Monchelsea and its latest development, Pavilion Place in Snodland, which was launched this month.

Anyone set to retire from the Armed Forces this year will be eligible until the end of 2009.

They will be offered a £500 discount for every £25,000 or part thereof on the cost of the property they are buying.

For example, on a home costing £126,000 they would qualify for a reduction of £3,000.

The move has been brought in to coincide with Armed Forces Day.

"This country rightly celebrates the achievements of its Armed Forces, which many regard as the best in the world," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have an established track record of helping people into home ownership and this offer should enable servicemen and women to finally own their own homes and save money.

"What gives us the edge over other people selling homes is that we provide customers with innovative financial incentives which enable them to get a mortgage."

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Eden Village include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, priced from £146,950.

Two-bedroom houses are available for sale at Priory Meadows from £139,950.

Three-bedroom houses are available at The Woodlands, with prices starting at £224,950.

Pavilion Place, a development of 44 homes, has also been launched.

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Pavilion Place include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, with prices starting at £199,950.

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Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, wltm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 T P

A HEART FULL OF LOVE
Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, wltm a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 T P

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?
Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 T

ACTIVE TYPE
Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, wltm mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819 T P

BELLA ISABEL
Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTM a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 T P

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 T

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 T

LOVE TO MEET YOU
Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464

MISS THIS MISS OUT
Radiant, warm, witty, intelligent, attractive lady, 44, 5'6', love music, travel, restaurants, the arts, theatre, wltm like-minded gent, 38-50 who's fun, cultured, solvent and kind. Box 430403 T P

COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 P

COME ON DOWN!
Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 T

YOUNG AT HEART
Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 T P

MAID MARIAN!
Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447986

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 T

HELP ME OPEN UP
Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 T

2'S COMPANY
Seeking gent, 48-50ish. I'm a divorced woman, in Rye, 47, work in nursing, and WLTM someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503 T

FANCY A DRINK?
Hi, I'm June, 47, bubbly, loving. Looking for a trustworthy guy for a relationship, I enjoy walks, car-boots, travelling and sharing a bottle of red. Box 878294 T

LOOK THIS WAY!
Slim single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly and easy-going, WLTM lots of new friends, hopefully someone special. Box 878456 T

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 T

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING?
Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating, out, cosy nights, good company Box 434089 T P

HERE AND NOW
Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524 T

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 T

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 T

SHARE A BOTTLE
This is Diane, I'm 51, 5ft7, quite curvy, very social, honest and friendly. I work full-time and want to spend time with a nice man. Box 453370 T

HIT THE JACKPOT
Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and romance. Box 878216 T

FUNNY GIRL
Petite, blonde female, 51, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate 45-55 for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 T P

SHARE LIFE
Caring woman of 52, normal, down-to-earth, open minded and loves to give, looking for an understanding and caring female to enjoy films, walks and more. Box 452463

LIFE IS FOR LIVING
Professional woman, young 53, likes gardening, summer bbqs, keeping fit and long walks, looking for a non-smoking man to share life with. Box 453307 T



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YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...
Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 T

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM similar loving male. Box 443642 T

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?!
Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 T P

WALKS ALONG THE BEACH
55yr old bubbly, cheerful, divorced lady, looking for a genuine, tall, smart man with a GSOH to share the finer things in life with. Box 453352 T

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 T

ANIMAL LOVER
Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH. I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals, and WLTM similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498 T

WALKS ALONG THE COAST
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 T

BEING WITH YOU
Hi I'm Jenny, 61yr old widow, enjoys pub meals, countryside, the beach, cinema, seeks loving male for friendship and more. Box 453104 T

CALL ME LOVE
Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452662 T

LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE
Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897 T

SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579 T

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...
Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 T

GENUINE LADY
Attractive lady, 60's, Hastings, slim, 5ft9. I like animals, walking and socialising. I have a GSOH, and WLTM a tall, gent, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 453327 T

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG
Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/acting, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first Box 434345 T

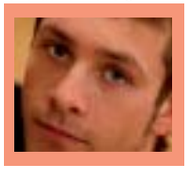
Women seeking women

ANY OFFERS?
Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTM an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 T

JUST A GIRL
Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28, and WLTM similar female. Box 878997 T P

FUN AND MAYBE MORE
Passionate female, 37, new to town, WLTM passionate, genuine companions to socialise with, go out and have some fun, then see what happens. Ashford area. Box 880564 T

FRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE
Feminine woman, easygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTM boyish female. Box 448248 T



MEN seeking women

GET TO KNOW ME
Looking for friends, fun, and maybe something long term. I'm male, 22, green eyes/brown hair, 6ft tall, slim build. Box 453388 T P

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT
Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH, and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 T P

TRY ME
Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head. I enjoy eating out, swimming, films, and family time. Box 451418 T

I'M YOUR MAN
Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in and going out, looking for a easygoing female for friendship leading to more. Box 453105 T

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?
Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503 T

TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Passionate gardener, 38, 5ft9, medium-blue eyes, average-stocky build, curly mousey brown hair, likes tennis and music, being sociable! Seeking nice passionate genuine lady. Box 451992 T

THE BUZZ
Happy easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 T

HONESTY IS KEY
Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar down-to-earth lady. Box 452101 T

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS
Sincere, 36yr old male, self-employed, seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 783954 T

THE WIT TO WOO
Handsome male, 37, 6ft4, blond hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly rediscover the finer things in life. Herne Bay Box 424503 T

HOP ON!
Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 T P

MARSHAL ME
Chris, 39, 5ft7, stocky, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out, seeking similar female, for loving times. Box 440167 T

I'LL MAKE YOU SMILE
Keith from Kent, 40, two children, like walking, swimming, cycling, very fun-loving, looking for a girl with similar interests. Box 453111

FRIENDS FIRST
Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blond hair, slim/average build. I'm easygoing and relaxed, and like like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361 T

NIGHT OUT? NIGHT IN?
Easygoing male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friendship and more. Box 451889 T

TLC ON OFFER
Good-looking man, 40, 5ft7, medium build, dark hair/brown eyes, like travelling, sport and adventures, looking for a girl, same interests, 20-33, for friendship/romance. Hastings Box 450613 T

A NEW LIFE
Quite (a little bit shy) widower, 41, loves cooking, looking for an older lady for a serious relationship. Box 452701 T

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR
Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750 T

SOUL TO SOUL
Happy-go-lucky man, 42, 5ft8, bald, blue eyes, and pretty fit! Looking for a proper relationship with someone who wants to meet their soulmate. Box 452967 T

NOW OR NEVER
Hi there, I'm a 42yr old male, 5ft11, medium build, dark hair. I like sports, theatre, music, films. Looking for like-minded lady. Box 451825

A REAL CATCH!
Complex, easy-going person, 42, organised, well travelled/educated and very inquisitive, albeit, I'm a bit shy until I get to know you more! Interests: cooking, music. Box 878033 P

LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE
Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular build, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking for a honest and genuine lady. Box 453322 T

IN LOVE
Single 50s male looking for lady for loving friendship. I'm honest, sincere, genuine and love a laugh, hoping for lasting romance. Box 451188 T

LONG-TERM THING
I'm Ian, caring, romantic, loyal guy, 44, 5ft11, slim/medium build, fair hair and blue eyes, GSOH, wltm a lady 25-50 slim/medium build. Hastings area Box 451334

LOVE OVER ALL
Hi I'm Dale, 5ft11, slim, genuine man looking for a caring lady. I am romantic and enjoy most things, I believe in true love. Box 453297 T

MORE?
Down to earth & outgoing male, 47, seeking fun with a young lady who enjoys sports, staying active, travel, socialising, drinks and more. Box 451104 T

NEW BEGINNING
Sincere genuine man, 47, 5ft9, cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out. Eastbourne. Box 449554 T P

IS IT ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
Kind, genuine, down-to-earth male, 47, seeking companionship and LTR. 5ft10, cropped hair, blue eyes, stocky with cuddly belly! Hailsham. Box 449583 T P

CATCH OF THE DAY
Divorced male, 47, interests: fishing, cinema, sport, long walks, country-side, eating out/romantic dinners. I'm looking for someone special, to cuddle up with. Box 451878 T

HAPPY TOGETHER
White male, 47, 5ft7, N/S, easygoing, loves a laugh, enjoys parks/concerts/romantic walks, WLTM female to be with. Nikki, please call back with contact details. Box 444339 T P

LET'S SEE WHERE IT GOES...
Gentle kind male, 48, 5ft9, medium build, WLTM nice, attractive, friendly, fun to be with lady who likes going out and socialising, for friendship first. Box 442869 T

CHILD LOVER ESSENTIAL
Single dad, with a 12yr old son. I'm 49, and enjoy sport, eating out, cinema, music. Looking for a family orientated woman, aged 36-46. Eastbourne. Box 449990 T

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Young at heart 50yr old, I enjoy keeping fit/active, the beach, diving. I'm looking for someone who likes long walks and cosy nights in. Box 453331

TIMID BUT TRUE...
Young guy of 54, 6ft1, likes gardening, the sea and coast, travel, keeping active, seeking girl who wants to get to know this shy guy. Box 449923 T

FIT THE BILL?
Old romantic, 55, non-smoker, likes watching football, driving, holidays and romance! looking for a female 45+ who wants to have the good old days back! Box 452051 T

ACTIVE & ATTRACTIVE
I'm 53, 5ft9, good-looking! Love sports, horses, animals generally, WLTM an honest, caring lady, preferably blonde & sporty, to get to know. Box 439298 T

I'LL STAND BY YOU
Hi ladies I'm Philip 57, 5ft6 fair-haired widower, easy-going, enjoy classic cars. Looking for a lady to share the finer things in life. Box 453276 T

KIND-HEARTED
Retired professional, 62, happy, confident, GSOH, enjoys gardening, cooking, golf and walking in the sunshine, looking for a slim n/s lady to share nice times. Box 450847 T P

A HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER
Hi I'm Brian, 5ft9, blue eyes, divorced, educated, well-travelled, loyal and moral. Looking for a caring lady, 50-70, in Eastbourne. Box 453295 T

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE
Active male, 68, young-at-heart, n/s fairly fit, keeps healthy, enjoys music, cinema, home life & company, WLTM caring and lovely 55-67 female counterpart. Box 453356 T

Men seeking men

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE
Young looking 50yr old, fairly shy, non-smoker, loves travel, walking and meals out...hoping to meet a nice guy for relationship. Box 452631

HOW DOES THIS GRAB YOU?
Tony, 58, easygoing, friendly, medium build, in good shape, enjoy quiet nights in, DVDs, videos, photography, WLTM easygoing like-minded male for fun, friendship and more. Box 440544 T

LOVING AND CARING
Down to earth straight-acting guy, 61, likes holidays, meals/drinks out, looking for a romantic male, 40-60, any race, for a one-to-one relationship. Box 453233 T

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MOTORS NEWS



New Jaguar XJ wows celebrities at launch

JAGUAR flew in American chat show star and car fan Jay Leno to launch its new XJ flagship to a celebrity audience in London.

It underlined how crucial this new stunner is to the British executive marque, especially as it breaks a styling tradition begun in the 1960s by the Mark X and refined by the original XJ6.

A square grille remains, but twin headlights have gone, replaced by sweeping slits fronting a slippery four-door aluminium coupé body. It arrives in early 2010 priced from £52,500.



New Mini celebrates making 1.5m milestone

JUST weeks after marking 50 years of the original Mini, BMW's Oxford plant reached another milestone by producing the 1.5 millionth 'new Mini' since its launch in 2001.

Inspired by and emulating the 60s icon, the new generation series has been a UK export success, sold in more than 80 countries and an all-electric Mini E also goes on trial in the UK soon with government support. Some 5.3 million 'classic' Minis (1959-2000) were built, taking the combined Mini count to 6.8m.



Kangoo II proves that it's no 'van ordinaire'

JUST as Britain's recession-hit drivers shun glitz and glamour, French carmakers have boosted the appeal of utility MPVs like the Renault Kangoo.

The second generation Kangoo is no longer disadvantaged in consumers' eyes by being van-based; the more expensive Renault Scenic was the donor this time, yet Kangoo prices begin at a recession busting £11,200 for a more capacious car with the same rear sliding doors layout to tempt a variety of buyers needing a weekday van/weekend family holdall.



A WORK OF ART: Citroén's seven-seat Grand Piscasso has plenty of stowage, with big lidded bins on the dashboard, and can be driven in fully automatic mode or as a manual

Picasso hangs up well in the Citroën MPV gallery

PABLO Picasso was a master of the unorthodox and it is not hard to see why Citroën 'signed' its MPV sub-brand after the Spanish artist.

The seven-seat C4 Grand Picasso (from £14,995) certainly fits the gallery with its dramatic lines and interior flexibility.

The cabin seems huge even without the £610 full-length panoramic roof and there is plenty of stowage, with big lidded bins on a dashboard that mixes pragmatic layout with flair.

Comfortable seats complement good ride quality and refinement and the middle three adjust quickly and separately and flip/slide simply for access to the rearmost pair, though using these leaves minimal boot space.

I would normally recommend buying a diesel MPV for economy and low-down grunt to cope with possible heavy loads, even though you must cover more miles to recover higher upfront costs.

So I was dubious about the 1.6-litre petrol test car with Citroën's EGS semi-auto gearbox, loaned by Wilmoths, Maidstone.

Doubts dispersed quickly though; the lively 150bhp motor takes the Grand Picasso to 62mph in 10.2 seconds. And the six-speed EGS can also be driven in fully automatic mode or as a clutchless manual using a sequential lever or paddle shifts either side of the stationary steering wheel hub – now a Citroën trademark.

Wilmoths, Maidstone general sales manager Kelvin Clayton, said: "Even I didn't like the sound of this combination at first, but the 1.6 engine has plenty of go and the gearbox learns your style of driving.

"The proof of the pudding is that most people who try the EGS gearbox, end up buying one and we have had just one complaint."

Amazingly, the EGS can memorise up to four regular drivers; once it has your 'number' it recognises who has slipped behind the wheel and adopts the correct mode.

And while it cannot match a diesel fuel saving, this cheaper petrol auto combination offers greater economy than a conventional manual, as well as low emissions to make it a reasonably 'green' option.

Our mid-range VTR+ model is priced at £19,855, but Wilmoths currently has a £1,500 Grand Picasso discount promotion plus zero per cent finance.

ROAD TEST
CITROEN PICASSO

BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★½☆
Image	★★★★½
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★½
Reliability	★★★★½
Green rating	★★★★½



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

DISTINCTIVE MIDI-MPVS

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RENAULT tried a bit of lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original five-seat Scenic of 1997, the blueprint for even more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient 'MPV styling' across the whole car market. As one of the new car market's boom sectors over the past few years, it means there is also plenty of choice for user car buyers.

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO



NO apologies for including the Picasso – it quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic to become the best-seller in the new sector. It's only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges and corners of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides well when heavily laden, but tends to heel a little on corners. The range features excellent turbodiesels from the Peugeot-Citroën stable and has a good reliability record. Plenty of affordable choice on the used market too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★☆☆
Looks and image	★★★☆☆
Space	★★★★☆
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★☆☆
Reliability	★★★★☆
Quality	★★★☆☆

FIAT MULTIPLA



EARNING top marks with the motoring press for originality and impact when it arrived in 2000, the original Multipla looked simply too wacky to generate the sales it deserved. A facelift made it more visually acceptable and its practical qualities began to shine. Relatively compact though wide, it allows six to be seated comfortably in two rows and there is plenty of stowage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★☆
Looks and image	★★★☆☆
Space	★★★★☆
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★☆
Reliability	★★★☆☆
Quality	★★★☆☆

HONDA FR-V



THOUGH late into this sector, Honda had more time to review the market and decided that Fiat got it right with the Multipla. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats, but not as roomy as the Fiat. Buyers like the reliable Honda engineering and how the dashboard gearshift makes more room in front. The middle front seat can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★☆☆
Looks and image	★★★☆☆
Space	★★★★☆
Value	★★★☆☆
Running costs	★★★☆☆
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★☆

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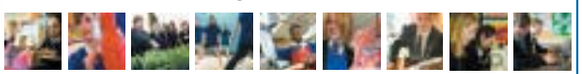
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Closing date: noon, Wednesday 8th July 2009.
Interview date: Wednesday 15th July 2009.

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Ref: P0653

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Closing date: Friday 24 July 2009

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CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Collins claims five wicket haul as Court earn win

Kent Cricket League Premier Division

Gore Court 1st XI v St Lawrence & Highland Court 1st XI

GORE Court put last week's hammering against Hartley firmly behind them as they registered just their second win of the season against St Lawrence.

The Sittingbourne side eeked out a four-wicket win to move out of the Premier Division's bottom two. Having won the toss, Court decided to put St Lawrence in to bat and made immediate inroads as the visitors slumped to 90 for 4. Former Kent left-arm seamer Alamgir Sheriyar picked up the first wicket of Daniel Stickels before wicketkeeper Paul Dixey steadied the ship for the Saints with 34 before he became the first of a five-wicket haul for Adam Collins. The St Lawrence batsmen continued to struggle and had it not been for a valiant 46 from William Hilton, the visitors would have struggled to get anywhere near their total of 169 all out.

Collins was the star of the show for a Court bowling attack that coneded 540 in 55 overs against Hartley the previous week. He finished with figures of 5 for 28 to rip the heart out of the St Lawrence middle order. Only Charlie Hemphrey failed to register double figures for the Saints as all of their top seven got starts on Saturday but failed to go on.

In reply, Kevin Jones and Australian Daniel Forster got Court off to a stead start with an opening stand of 42 before Richard Keir had Jones caught by Hemphrey for 20.

The home side looked to be cruising when they were 120 for 2, but three quick wickets in the space of two overs put St Lawrence back in the game. It was left to Kent Academy teenager Chris Piesley with an unbeaten 32 to help steer his side to victory with 11 overs to spare.



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

UNDER ATTACK: Gore Court's Phil Edwards beats the bat in Saturday's four-wicket win against St Lawrence at The Grove

SCOREBOARD

St Lawrence & Highland Court

	Runs
Dominic Chambers ct Sheriyar b Jones	24
Daniel Stickels ct Marsh b Sheriyar	17
Paul Dixey ct Jones b Collins	34
Charlie Hemphrey ct Sheriyar b Jones	1
Lewis Jenkins ct Edwards b Piesley	11
Alex Day ct Campbell b Collins	17
William Hilton ct Pearson b Collins	46
Ciaran Morgan lbw b Piesley	0
Alistair Neale ct Pearson b Collins	10
Benjamin Easter not out	2
Richard Keir ct Pearson b Collins	0
Extras (3lb 3w 1nb)	7
Total (all out , 48.4 overs)	169

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Philip Edwards	7	2	22	0
Alamgir Sheriyar	8	0	36	1
Karl Pearson	10	4	19	0
Kevin Jones	5	0	16	2
Chris Piesley	10	0	45	2
Adam Collins	8.4	0	28	5

Gore Court

	Runs
Kevin Jones ct Hemphrey b Keir	20
Daniel Forster ct Hilton b Hemphrey	38
Karl Pearson b Neale	23
Christian Marsh ct Jenkins b Hemphrey	22
Dominic Campbell b Neale	0
Chris Piesley not out	32
Richard Cooper ct Jenkins b Keir	7
Philip Edwards not out	6
Alamgir Sheriyar did not bat	
Alex Campbell did not bat	
Adam Collins did not bat	
Extras (8lb 12w 3nb)	23
Total (6 wickets, 38.5 overs)	171

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alex Day	3	0	27	0
Richard Keir	6	1	28	2
Benjamin Easter	10	2	27	0
Charlie Hemphrey	10	1	42	2
Alistair Neale	9.5	1	39	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Old Colfeians 1st XI v Minster 1st XI

MINSTER closed the gap on a promotion spot to 18 points after a heavy 109-run win at Old Colfeians.

The Sheppey side scored 240 for 9 in their innings thanks to 40 from Andy Hosken and Kevin Barker's 69, while the rest of the batsmen all chipped in to help Minster reach a competitive total.

South African Nathan Nichol then caused havoc with the ball, claiming superb figures of 6 for 38 as only three batsmen made it into double figures for the home side, who were bowled out for 131.

Minster

	Runs
Mark Tucker ct Harmer b Gale	5
Andy Hosken ct Tarrant b Humm	40
Kevin Barker c & b Houston	69
Lee Thwaites b Humm	8
Jordan Weller lbw b Humm	4
James White b Humm	25
Craig O'Donoghue st Tarrant b Houston	17
Neil Hosken ct Bahra b Houston	15
Mike Rees not out	11
Nathan Nichol c & b Houston	19
Martin Hammond not out	0
Extras (7b 8lb 4w 2nb)	21
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	240

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Omesh Wijesiriwardena	6	1	30	0
Tom Gale	10	3	24	1
Henry Cullum	6	0	29	0
Travis Houston	15	0	82	4
Russell Humm	13	1	53	4

Old Colfeians

	Runs
Doug Gratton lbw b White	24
Richard Harmer ct Tucker b Nichol	0
Vishal Sawhney ct Barker b Nichol	2
Manjeet Bahra ct Barker b Nichol	4
Travis Houston lbw b White	0
Irfan Begg not out	9
Omesh Wijesiriwardena ct Barker b Nichol	4
Christopher Tarrant ct Hosken b Nichol	8
Henry Cullum st Tucker b Nichol	11
Tom Gale lbw b Hammond	28
Russell Humm b Barker	7
Extras (28b 5lb 1w 1nb)	35
Total (all out , 46.5 overs)	131

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	15	4	38	6
Martin Hammond	13	1	35	1
James White	15	6	25	2
Mike Rees	3	3	0	0
Kevin Barker	0.5	0	0	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Old Elthamians 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

RODMERSHAM almost snatched an unlikely victory in a tense game at Foxbury on Saturday.

The Swale side were bowled out for a disappointing 123 with Robert Horne top scoring with 34. The total never looked enough, but Rodmersham's bowlers, and Sandeep Rodrigo particularly, hit back to ensure it would be a tense finish. Rodrigo claimed figures of 5 for 71 as it went right down to the wire, but Rodmersham couldn't claim that elusive final wicket.

Rodmersham

	Runs
Dave Cogger lbw b Green	18
Robert Horne ct Matthews b De Beer	34
Jamie Horne ct Matthews b Green	1
Sandeep Rodrigo ct Nash b Pearse	11
Dylan Emmett run out	14
Lee Jackson ct Carey b Thorogood	4
Sam Blackwell ct Hammond b Thorogood	8
Darren Nokes not out	16
Nazoomi Azhar b De Beer	0
Chris Ansley b Thorogood	3
Karl Reeves b Thorogood	1
Extras (5b 8w)	13
Total (all out , 42 overs)	123

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Amman Samsoodeen	6	2	19	0
Blaine Carey	6	1	19	0
Jack Green	6	2	11	2
Richard Pearse	6	2	22	1
Dylan De Beer	9	2	19	2
Edward Thorogood	9	2	28	4

Old Elthamians

	Runs
Rob Kennedy ct Nokes b Rodrigo	4
Andrew Hammond ct Blackwell b Ansley	0
Dylan De Beer lbw b Ansley	13
James Pearse ct Jackson b Rodrigo	17
Edward Thorogood ct Horne b Rodrigo	1
Calum Nash ct Horne b Emmett	27
Blaine Carey b Rodrigo	2
Amman Samsoodeen ct Horne b Emmett	17
Charlie Matthews not out	25
Jack Green b Rodrigo	1
Richard Pearse not out	3
Extras (3b 2lb 3w 6nb)	14
Total (9 wickets, 32.1 overs)	124

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	16.1	2	71	5
Chris Ansley	6	1	23	2
Dylan Emmett	7	1	18	2
Darren Nokes	3	0	7	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Linden Park 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

UPCHURCH were left frustrated by rain for the second time in three weeks as the weather ruined the meeting of Division Three's top two.

Craig Bewick and Tim Mullis shared six wickets as Linden Park made 221 for 9 from their 50 overs.

Leaders Upchurch looked in some trouble at 44 for 4, but Jason Perry (30) and skipper Dean Headley (54) steadied the innings. They were both still at the crease when the game was prematurely ended with 13 overs still to play.

Linden Park

	Runs
Neil Stephens ct Taylor b Mullis	21
Kevin Anson ct Headley b Bewick	22
Stuart Clarke b Hodder	25
Abhijit Kale not out	83
Tom Williams b Hodder	9
Ian Broadrick b Mullis	9
Rob Prastka lbw b Mullis	0
Dominic Lanaway b Hales jnr	1
John Harvey ct Hodder b Bewick	27
Neil Penfold lbw b Bewick	0
James Saunders not out	1
Extras (4b 4lb 14w 1nb)	23
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	221

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	3	0	17	0
Craig Bewick	12	1	54	3
Tim Mullis	15	1	51	3
Adam Hodder	13	0	59	2
Michael Hales jnr	7	1	32	1

Upchurch

	Runs
Andrew Shirley ct Kale b Lanaway	7
Jason Perry not out	30
Lee Taylor ct Harvey b Lanaway	6
Michael Hales jnr ct Saunders b Lanaway	9
Marc Bond run out	11
Dean Headley not out	54
Adam Hodder did not bat	
Daniel Parker did not bat	
Michael Hales did not bat	
Craig Bewick did not bat	
Tim Mullis did not bat	
Extras (2b 6w 9nb)	17
Total (4 wickets, 37 overs)	134

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Dominic Lanaway	9	1	20	3
Neil Penfold	7	0	20	0
Abhijit Kale	11	1	48	0
John Harvey	10	1	44	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow 1st XI v Deal Victoria 1st XI

JUST two wickets was the winning margin for Deal Victoria in a close encounter at Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow.

The hosts, helped by Gary Ryan (35) and Daniel Ball (31) reached 139, as they found it hard going against Deal's bowlers. Sam Killip ripped through the tail finishing with figures of 4 for 31.

A middle order batting collapse from Deal gave Bobbing Court a chance of victory, but the innings was rescued by the tail, who hung on to complete the win inside 37 overs.

Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow

	Runs
Richard Gower b McNamara	12
Adam Haward ct Carley b McNamara	2
Phil Giles ct Andrew Furness b Holbrook	7
Gary Ryan b McNamara	35
Daniel Ball ct Andrew Furness b Killip	31
Richard O'Kane st Andrew Furness b Moran	20
Paul Dennington not out	13
Iain Foster b Killip	0
Simon Bennett lbw b Moran	1
Paul Bacon b Killip	4
Ian Linsdell lbw b Killip	4
Extras (6b 1lb 2w 1nb)	10
Total (all out , 45.2 overs)	139

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Scott McNamara	12	9	12	2
Stephen Moran	10	0	28	2
Ian Holbrook	7	0	30	1
Graham McNamara	7	1	31	1
Sam Killip	9.2	2	31	4

Deal Victoria

	Runs
Andrew Furness ct Foster b Bacon	1
Mark Birkett lbw b Dennington	12
Stephen Moran ct Giles b Bacon	19
Matthew Carley ct Lindsell b Bacon	6
Sam Killip ct Haward b Dennington	8
Ben Smith ct Foster b Bacon	6
Andrew Miller ct Ryan b Dennington	27
Robbie Brannan not out	24
Scott McNamara ct Dennington b Gower	26
Graham McNamara not out	5
Ian Holbrook did not bat	
Extras (5b 1lb)	6
Total (8 wickets, 36.1 overs)	140

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Paul Bacon	12	3	52	4
Simon Bennett	3	0	10	0
Paul Dennington	12	3	39	3
Ian Linsdell	6	1	22	0
Richard Gower	3.1	1	11	1

Brown makes comeback to lift trophy

RUGBY

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RETURN: Steve Brown (in blue) during the National Championships

STEVE Brown recovered from a serious chest injury to help Kent Crusaders finish the season with a flourish as they won the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby National Championships.

The 26-year-old, from Sheppey, was in the side which beat the East Midlands Marauders in the final to lift the sport's most coveted domestic trophy at Stoke Mandeville.

It was a remarkable return to form for Brown, who only returned to the Gravesend-based Crusaders a month before the tournament. He spent four months out following an accident playing in Germany which left him in intensive care with a broken sternum and bruised heart.

He said: "I've got a lot of improvement to do on my fitness and strength but thankfully I was fit enough to play. It's great to win, the league is obviously important but this is the biggest club competition in the country."

It was a triumph for the club, who finished mid-table in the league after struggling all season with a succession of injuries which prevented them from fielding their strongest team.

The Crusaders were formed last year out of the London Wheelchair Rugby Club, which had grown too large to put out just one team. Splitting into two autonomous clubs for domestic competitions, the Crusaders and Stoke Mandeville Storm were created.

The national championships act as the climax to the club season. Brown's attentions now turn to getting into the Great Britain team for the European Championships, hosted by Denmark in October.





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HAPPY DAYS: Goalscorer Hicham Akhazzan celebrates with Jon Neal after scoring from the spot, while Norton's Harry Goodger (right) battles for possession with Matt Bourne

Bourne edge out Norton in pre-season opener

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Norton Sports 0 Sittingbourne 1

WOODSTOCK Park hosted its first game as the future home of Norton Sports in a typical pre-season work-out for Norton and Sittingbourne.

Norton put in a spirited display as they more than matched their opponents that play in a higher division.

The villagers, who have managed to keep their entire squad from a successful first season in the Kent League, featured two new boys in forward Andy Todd and goalkeeper Mark Beresford who both looked like valuable additions to the side.

For Sittingbourne, boss Gary Abbott tried out several trialists, including three Polish players, and was set to give them another go in last night's Bob Amor Trophy game with Faversham at Salters Lane. Saturday's game was settled by a 15th minute penalty converted by Hicham Akhazzan after Dan Swann had handled in the area.

For Norton boss Ben Taylor it was a chance to see how his side would fare against higher opposition and he wasn't left disappointed.

"It was a good work out and I thought we gave a good account of ourselves in our first game back," he said. "I think we pushed them and got some confidence out of it and we're now looking forward to the Whitstable game and we're hoping they will bring their first-team."

The Brickies were without Richard Brady who is away travelling, Ryan Andrews who is on trial with Thurrock, Joe Horlock and the injured Tom Bradbrook. Abbott admits he needs to make a further five or six signings if his side are to compete in Ryman Division One South this season.

"We have got a few missing and you can see we need quite a few players," he said. "We've got five weeks and I have people I'm interested in, it's just whether we can get them in. We've got Jon Neal in for the season and he's a good player. We'll start now getting all the boys that can't get into other clubs coming down to us."

The Sittingbourne manager is also hopeful of persuading Maidstone United youngster Tom Parkinson to join to help bolster the defence, but has conceded defeat in trying to sign former Ashford winger Jimmy Bottle, who looks destined for Maidstone.

FOOTBALL



BIG GAME: Faversham and Gills in action last season

Luchford calls on town to back his side against Gills

FAVERSHAM boss Justin Luchford has called on the town to get behind the club as they take on League One side Gillingham at Salters Lane tomorrow night.

The Lilywhites take on Mark Stimson's side as they step up their pre-season preparations and Luchford is anticipating a big crowd.

"I can't reiterate how important it is to the club," he said. "The main thing is the finance the game will bring but it will also boost the profile of the club. It's something we want to be involved in and hopefully they will bring their first-team down again. We have to enjoy the occasion and I would really encourage supporters to come along, it's not often you get to watch a League One side for £5 this side of Kent. The result isn't important, it's about getting some fitness and for the players going up against a League side."

Town fans will get a chance to see new signing Michael 'Buster' Smissen in action for the first time at Salters Lane as he was unavailable for last night's clash with Sittingbourne in the Bob Amor Trophy. The former Hythe Town man, who netted an astonishing 47 goals in the 2007/2008 season, was on the score sheet on Saturday in a 5-2 win against Kent County League side OPK. Chris Axford, Craig Thompson and a double for last season's top scorer Damian Abel completed the scoring in a comfortable win.

New signing Dan Larking from Chatham Town made a competent first showing, as did new defender Dale Skelton.

Luchford said: "It was a good work out if you take into consideration that they trained for two hours in Greenwich Park during the morning of the game. All the strikers got on the score sheet which was good and Dale Skelton was excellent, I think he is going to be a good addition."

For a report from last night's game against Sittingbourne, visit www.yourswale.co.uk.

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Gills signing Chris Palmer talks about aims of nailing down a position at Priestfield

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